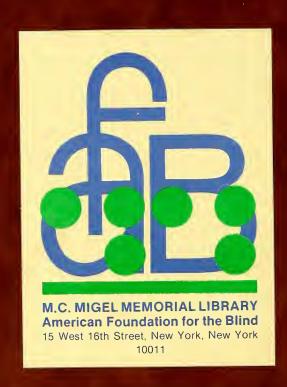
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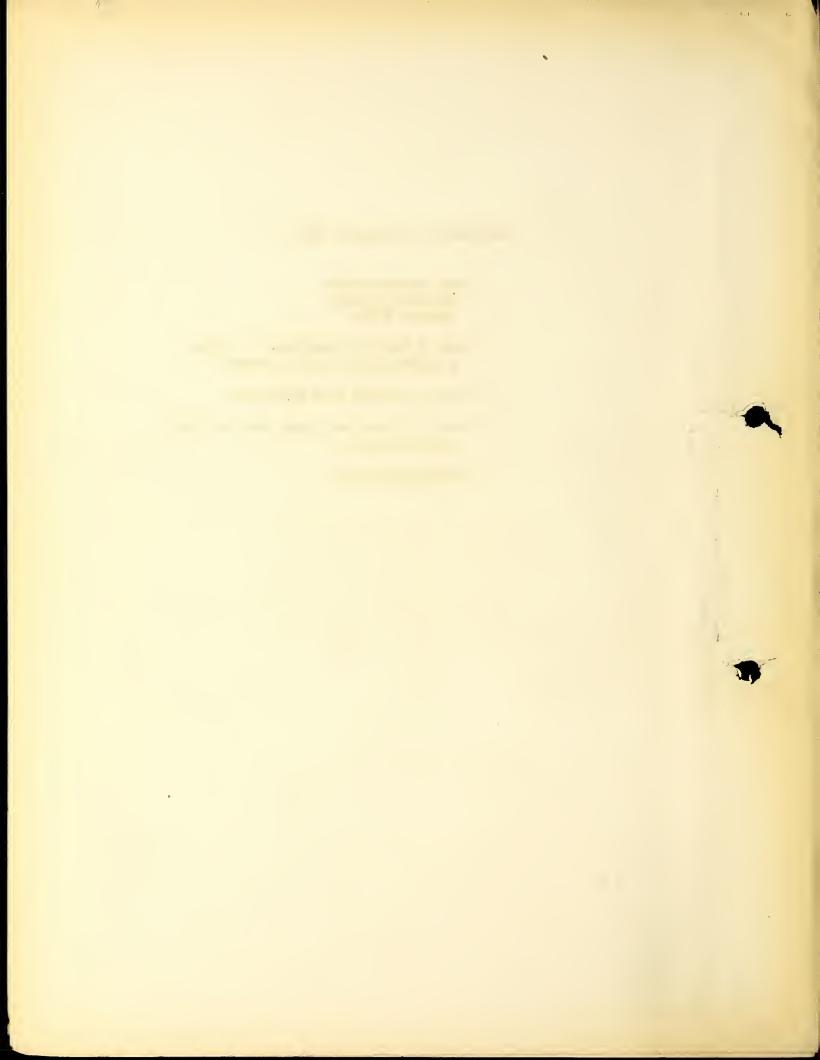
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#### Book Announcements Press-made Books

All press-made or Talking Books here noted are provided by the Federal Government. Copies of these government-supplied books are placed in the twenty-six regional libraries which serve the blind. A list of these libraries appears regularly in the January and June numbers of the magazine.

Readers are required to borrow books from the library designated by the Library of Congress to serve their respective territories.

In the list which follows, the first book notation in every instance should be credited to the Book Review Digest unless another source is given.

VBrown, John Mason. Seeing more things. 3v 1948 HMP
Collection of essays on the theater and theater personalities, motion pictures and books, with some excursions into the personalities of members of his own family. The essays/are reprints of his recent weekly contributions to the "Saturday Review of Literature."

MacDonald, Betty. The plague and I. 3v 1948 CPH
Humorous account of the author's tuberculosis cure at a sanatorium in Washington State.
For the most part, this is racy, flippant, irreverent, and uproariously funny.

Mott, Frank Luther. Golden multitudes; the story of best sellers in the United States. 7v 1947 CPH

History of American best sellers from the Bay Psalm Book through "The Egg and I." In forty-five essays the author considers this study against the chronological background of book distribution from Colonial days until the present.

Queen, Ellery. Ten days' wonder. 3v 1948 CPH

Detective story. The last chapter contains the best surprise and the handsomest solu-

tion of the year.

Spanish language: New Testament, complete. 7v ABS For further information write to the American Bible Society, Blind Department, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22,N.Y (Not a publication of the U. S. Government)

Williams, Tennessee. Streetcar named Desire. lv 1947 ARC (Not a publication the U. S. Government)

A drama which is a character study describing the road to collapse travelled by a Southern belle who goes to visit her sister in the "Quarter" of New Orleans.

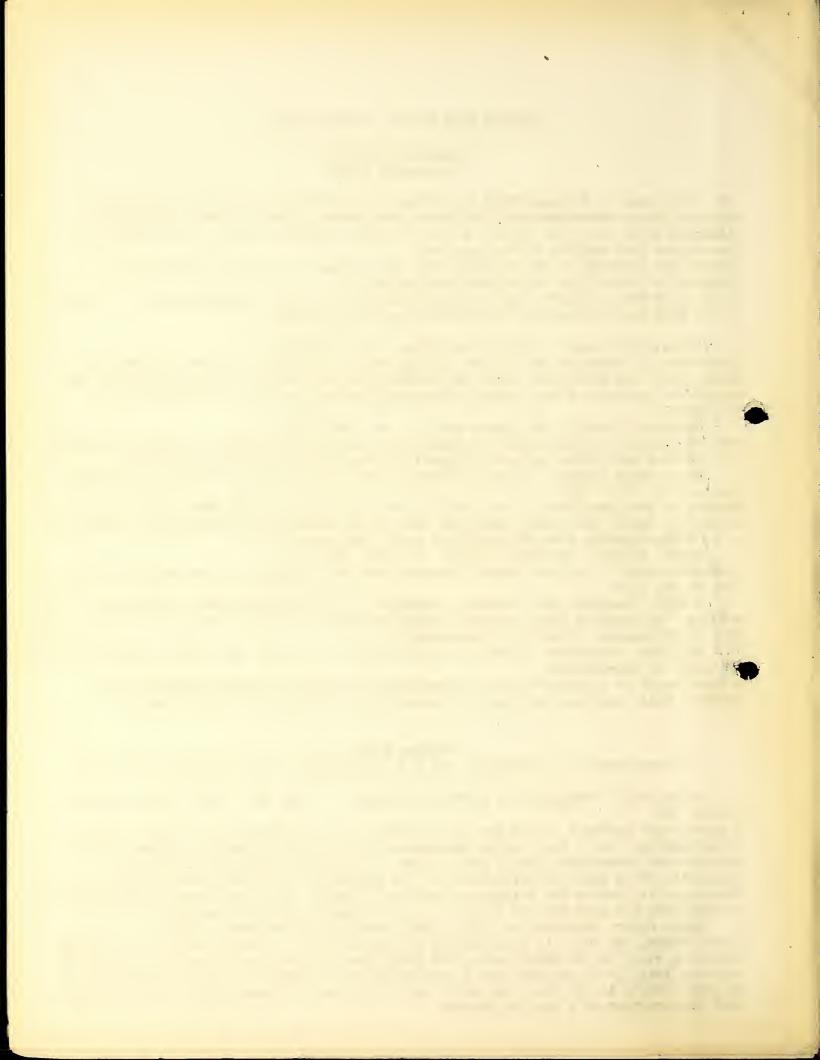
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Allan, H.S. John Hancock, patriot in purple. 2 pts 27r 1948 Read by Walter Gerard APH

A magnificent portrait of the man and his time. Since Hancock was a central figure in Massachusetts affairs for a whole generation, the book throws much new light on the business and commercial life of New England. It combines with the narrative of Hancock's life a dexerous delineation of the social and political scene in England, in Massachusetts, and in the colonies generally. Finally, Mr. Allan reveals that Hancock's private life had much more of romance and color than historians have hitherto known.

Boyd, James. Marching on. 22r 1927 Read by Burt Blackwell APH
James Fraser, the hero, is a descendant of the Frasers of revolutionary times. Though
this is a story of the South during the Civil War, with the hero a soldier in the Confederate Army, it is written with a noticeable lack of rancor, even in the mention of
Sherman's march to the sea. The hero, who is the son of a poor farmer, falls in love
with the daughter of a wealthy planter.



Douglas, Lloyd C. The big fisherman. 2 pts 42r 1948 Read by George Patterson APH By the author of "The Robe" which is available both in braille and as a Talking Book, this closely follows the Biblical account of Jesus' years of ministry. The big fisherman, Simon Peter, his family and his neighbors, are the leading characters. Joseph of Arimathea, Herod, Antipas, John the Baptist and the disciples, Philip, Andrew James and John, all play their parts. An international element is introduced with the love interest which concerns a beautiful young girl, half Arab, half Jewish. Library Journal.

Gautier, Emile Felx. Sahara, the great desert; translated by Dorothy F. Mayhew. 12r 1935 Read by Jean Clos APH

The author is a French geographer, authority on Algiers and the Sahara. The book

describes the physical geography of the Sahara as well as its history.

Goodspeed, Edgar J. Paul. 15r 1967 Read by William Gladden APH
This is the story of Paul, or Saul, of Tarsus. Born about fifteen years after Jesus, this
Jewish Pharisee boy grew up as an inheritor of all the traditions of the tribe of Benjamin and of Roman citizenship. It is this sensitive, gifted boy whom Dr. Goodspeed
takes through childhood to the Damascus Road, through his doubt and questioning period
to the time when both his spirit and his mind were emancipated.

Huxley, Aldous. Jesting Pilate, an intellectual holiday. 14r 1926 Read by

Jean Clos APH

Here is another travel diary of a philosopher. Mr. Huxley encircled the earth, entering the East through Port Said and continuing through India, Burma, Malaya, China and home by way of the Pacific and America. He calls his journey an intellectual holiday. Mr. Huxley has a reputation for great learning which his books prove. Too highbrow to be a popular writer, he is, nevertheless, a very influential one, especially among his fellow novelists. From Book Review Digest and The Bookman's Manual.

Irving, Washington. The Alhambra. 26r 1852 Read by Kermit Murdock AFB "The Alhambra" which has been called "The Spanish Sketch Book" is a beautiful expression of the thoughts and dreams of the author as he muses amid the ruins of the Palace of the Moors. The reader feels that in recording the great struggle which terminated in 1492 with the triumph of Spain, Irving's sympathies are not with the conquering Christians but with the defeated Moors.

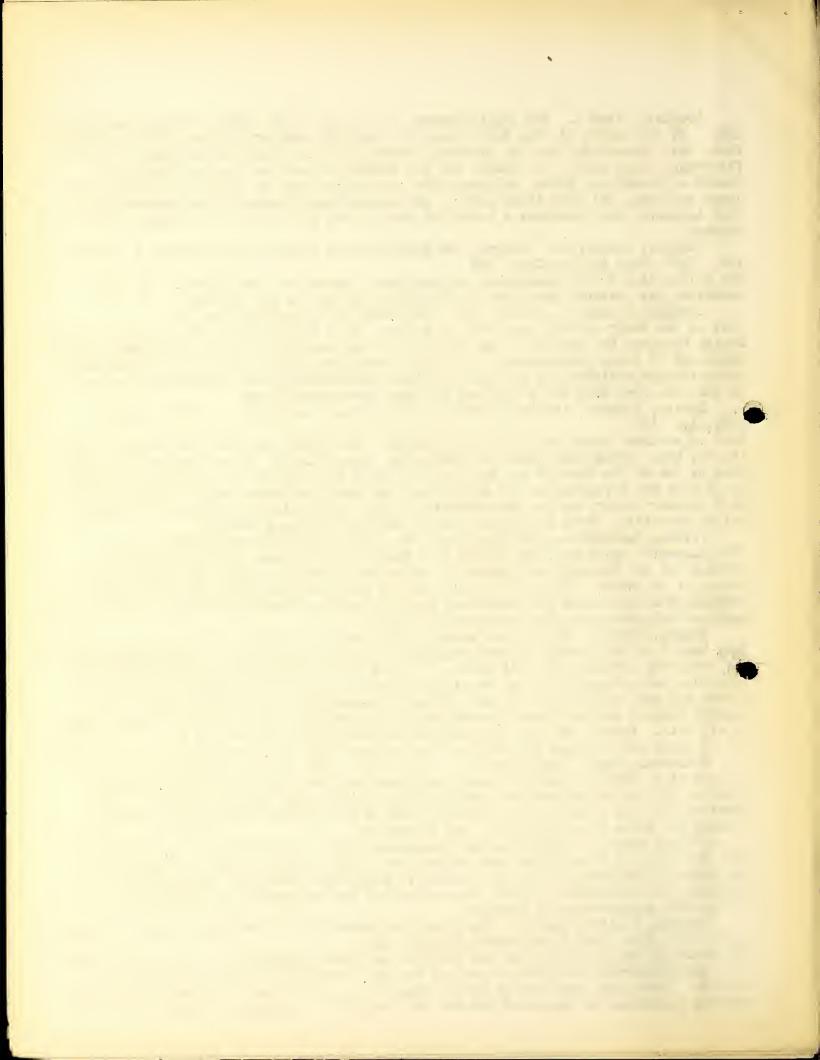
Knight, Brigid. The valiant lady. 2 pts 36r 1947 Read by Ethel Everett AFB This book is a brilliantly colored panorama of three generations of a Dutch family in the sixteenth century wars with Spain. It is a tale of family life high-lighted by adventure and intrigue. It is the story of Anna van Breda, beautiful wife of a Dutch farmer and her conflict between her religious conscience and her patriotism. When a wounded Spanish soldier found his way to Anna's farmhouse, she could not bring herself to kill him. Instead she hid him until he recovered and then let him go. It was this act of mercy which became the dominant fact of her life and later saved her from death.

MacLennan, Hugh. The precipice. 2 pts 27r 1948 Read by John Brewster AFB A story of an international marriage, this time between a sky, Puritanically reared Canadian girl and an aggressive, sophisticated American efficiency engineer. The scene shifts from a quiet little Ontario town to New York and back again to Canada, through the years from 1938 to the end of the war.

Malone, Dumas. Jefferson, the Virginian. 2 pts 33r 1948 Read by Paul Clark APH The first of a projected four volume work. This volume covers the first forty-one years of Jefferson's life-his ancestry, youth and education, legal career, marriage, his legislative career, the writing of the Declaration of Independence, and

his wartime governorship of Virginia.

Marsden, William, editor. The travels of Marco Polo; re-edited by Thomas Wright. 2 pts 2lr 1948 Read by Alexander Scourby AFB
The record of the adventures of the Venetian merchant, Marco Polo, as dictated by him to a fellow prisoner in Genoa, is one of the most remarkable books of travel ever written. Marco Polo was born in Venice about 1254. His father took him with him on a trading expedition to China and the Far East in 1275. The youth of twenty entered the



service of the Emperor of China and traveled extensively through the neighboring regions. Returning later to Venice, he was captured in the struggle between that city and Genoa. In 1928, Rusticiano of Pisa wrote for him the history of his wanderings.

Marshall, James, pseudonym. Santa fe, the railroad that built an empire. 2 pts

29r 1945 Read by Morris Fleurnoy APH

A long detailed history of the Santa Fe railroad, written by a west coast newspaperman. Will be especially popular with men and those readers who want "westerns." Recommended also for its Americana value.

Meredith, George. The egoist, a comedy in narrative. 2pts 39r 1879 Read by Del Roy APH

A brilliant comedy in the form of a novel in which is pictured the arch-egotist, Sir Willoughby Patterne. The book glitters with philosophical fancies and wit, and in Clara Middleton and Vernon Whitford, we have two of Meredith's finest characters.

Nesbit, Henrietta. White House diary. 19r 1948 Read by Terry Hayes APH Chatty account of life in the White House during the years of Franklin D. Roosevelt's housekeeper. The book will not appeal to all readers equally. Americans who did not like "the Roosevelts," and their gregarious mode of living will find its pages aggravating. But Americans interested in White Hase history, all women who have run a hospitable home, all adults who love good food, and all admirers of the Roosevelts will find anecdotes, details and descriptions to remember and chuckle over for years to come.

Peattie, Roderick, editor. The Berkshires, the purple hills. 20r 1948 Read by Morris Fleurnoy APH

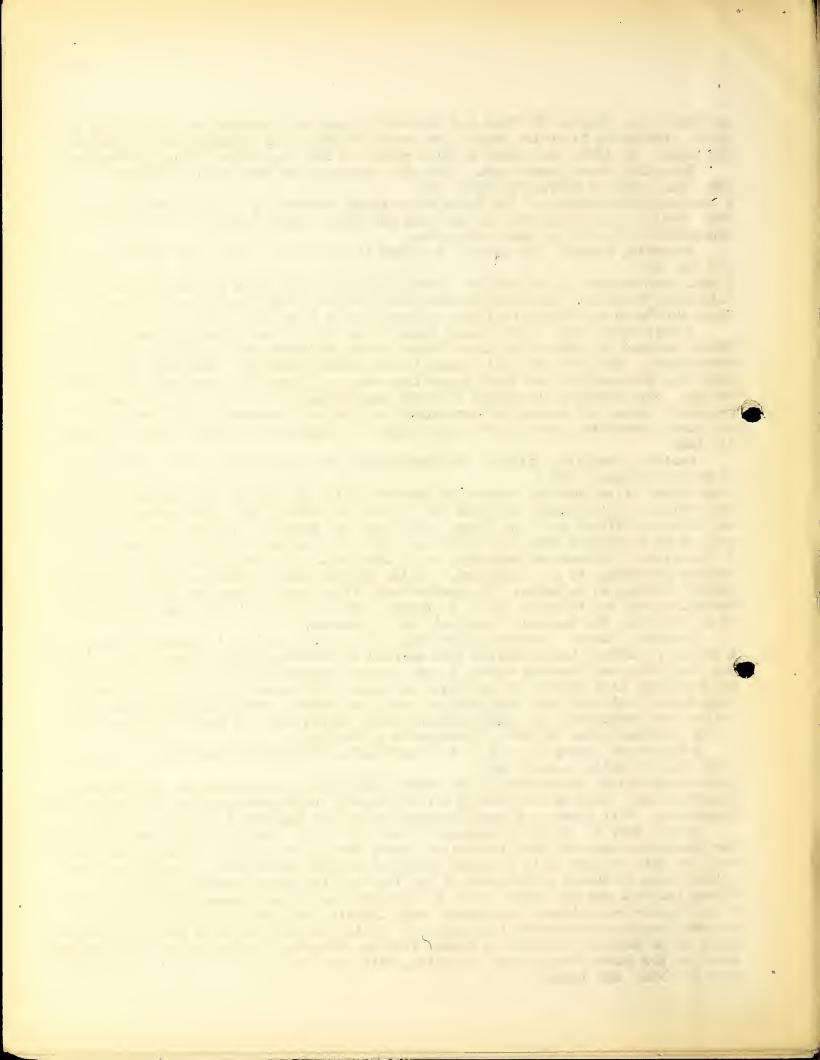
Description of the western section of Massachusetts and life in the Berkshire Hills. The articles which compose the book are written by authorities. Contents: What are the Berkshire Hills? by W. P. Eaton. With what the hills are clothed, by A. K. Simpson. Four seasons of Berkshire bird lore, by G. J. Wallace. Byways to pleasure. by B. Hendricks. Streams and castings, by T. Giddings. Man changes the landscape through gardening, by A. K. Simpson. Winter sports among the hills, by B. Hendricks. Indian legends, by H. Mason. Two hundred and fifty years of history, by W. P. Eaton. Berkshire folk and folkways, by W. S. Annin. The invaders and what they have meant, by M. Cresson. The Berkshire festival, by M. Cresson.

Peterkin, Julia. Scarlet sister Mary. 15r 1928 Read by Livingston Gilbert APH A slender, darting, high-spirited girl married at fifteen to the wildest young buck on the plantation and deserted within a year is the "Scarlet Sister Mary" of the story, who keeps her high spirits as she fills her house with a new child year after year. A sympathetic, colorful tale with mingled humor and pathos, revealing the fineness as well as the weaknesses and superstitions of the Gullah negro of South Carolina. Awarded the Pulitzer prize in 1929. (Available in braille)

Schnittkind, Henry T., and D. A. Schnittkind. Fifty great Americans. 2 pts 41r 1948 Read by Walter Gerard APH

Short biographical sketches of fifty famous Americans. Arrangement of sketches is chronological. Each is followed by a brief list of important dates in the life of the biographer. Will serve as a handy compendium for the beginner in American history.

Selle, Earl A. Donald of China. 5 pts 56r 1948 Read by Livingston Gilbert APH The remarkable story of the late William Henry Donald, who left his native Australia early in this century to be a newspaperman and soldier of fortune in China, and remained there to become an intimate of Sun Yat-Sen, the young marshal, and General Chiang Kai-Shek and his wife. Later he was made unofficial foreign minister of the first Chinese revolutionary government and, finally, was put in charge of China's economic warfare against the Japanese. Mr. Selle got his facts from Donald as he lay dying in an American hospital in Hankow from the effects of having spent four anonymous years in the Santo Tomas prison in Manila, while the Japanese were scouring all East Asia for him. New Yorker.



Stout, Rex. Too many cooks. 15r 1938 Read by William Lazar AFB
Rex Stout carries his sedentary detective, Nero Wolfe, away from his home and his orchids to a meeting of the most famous chefs of the world in West Virginia. The jealousies and temperaments of an international congress of cooks offer original

background for murder.

Toynbee, Arnold J. Civilization on trial. 19r 1948 Read by John Knight AFB Thirteen essays and lectures written over a period of years, dealing with many problems, but all contributing to his own view of history and to a clarification of moot points, in his book, "A Study of History." Toynbee's mastery of history, coupled with his literary gifts makes "Civilization on Trial" easier reading and less ambitious than the Study—a vastly important and illuminating piece of work, irrespective of agreement with the over-all viewpoint.

Turlington, Catherine. Three to make ready. 12r 1948 Read by James WaltonAPH Reminiscences of one year in the life of a family of five, composed of the father and mother, and three teenpaged daughters. The oldest teenpager is going to college, and the next in line is preparing to follow her. The mother is the narrator and her bewilderment and confusion over modern youth is brought out in her story. To read this book is to buy a ticket to a light, delightful comedy.

Turner, Frederick Jackson. The frontier in American history. 2 pts 25r 1947 AFB Valuable scholarly studies discussing the importance of America's shifting frontier and the influence of the West on American development. A collection of addresses and essays which have helped to shape modern thought on American historical subjects and are still timely but which have been buried in magazines and the Proceedings of historical conferences.

Wescott, Glenway. The grandmothers, a family portrait. 21r 1927 Read by Kermit Murdock APH

As a child, Alwyn Tower pored over an old family album. Fraom casual references and hints dropped from the lips of grown-ups he pieced together a story for each pictured face. When he grew up he put the stories into a book, each character a life, each life a mirror of the scene and time from the days of his grandfather and grandmother.

#### LIST OF BRAILLE MAGAZINES FOR WHICH A SUBSCRIPTION FEE IS CHARGED

Braille Mirror: Edited by J. Robert Atkinson. Published by Braille Institute of America, 741 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles 27, Calif. Grade 2; monthly; current periodical matter; \$2.50 per year to blind individuals; \$6.00 to institutions.

Christian Science Bible Lessons: Published by the Christian Science Publishing Company, 1 Norway St., Boston 15, Mass. Grade 12; monthly; weekly lesson sermons; \$2.50 per year.

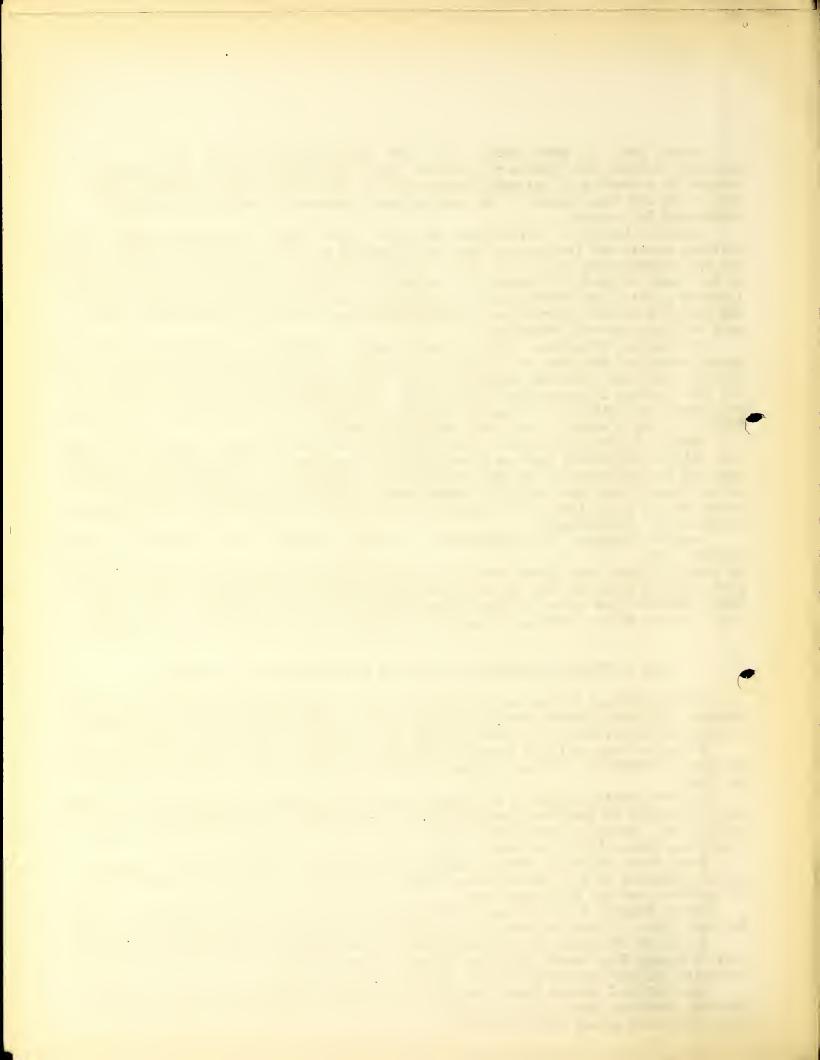
Current Events: pdited by American Education Press, 400 South Front St., Columbus Ohio. Published by American Printing House for the Blind, 1839 Frankfort Ave., Louisville 6, Ky. Grade 2; weekly Oct.-May; current events reprinted from inkprint high school magazines; \$4.75 per year.

Every Week: Edited by American Education Press, 300 South Front St., Columbus, Ohio. Published by American Printing House for the Blind. Grade 2; current events; for grades 9 and 10; \$7.50 per year.

Gospel Trumpet for the Blind: Published by the Gospel Trumpet Company, Anderson, Indiana. Grade  $1\frac{1}{2}$  and New York point; monthly; a religious magazine; \$1.50 per year.

Herald of Christian Science: Published by the Christian Science Publishing Company, 1 Norway St., Boston 15, Mass. Grade 12; quarterly; articles and editorials on Christian Science and testimonies of healing. \$1.00 per year.

International Sunday School Monthly for the Blind: Published by Gospel Trumpet Company, Anderson, Ind. Grade 12 and New York point; monthly; Sunday school lessons with expository notes; \$2.00 per year.



Jack and Jill Magazine: Published by Curtis Publishing Company, Volunteers Service for the blind, 1415 Locust St., Philadelphia 2, Pa. Grade 12; monthly; \$2.50 per year

Junior Sunday School Monthly: Edited by Frederick Gielow. Published by Gospel Trumpet Company, Anderson, Indiana. Grade 12; monthly; Sundayschool lessons for children; \$1.50 per year.

My Weekly Reader No. 2: Edited by American Education Press, 400 S. Front St., Columbus, Ohio. Published by American Printing House for the Blind, Grade  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ; weekly

Oct. - May; \$2.25 per year.

My Weekly Reader, No. 3: Edited by American Education Press, 400 S. Front St., Columbus, Ohio. Published by American Printing House for the Blind. Grade  $l_{2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ; weekly; Oct. - May; current events; \$2.25 per year.

My Weekly Reader No. 4: Edited by American Education Press, 400 S. Front St., Columbus, Ohio. Published by American Printing House for the Blind. Grade  $l_2^1$ ;

weekly; Oct. - May; current events; \$2.75 per year.

My Weekly Reader No. 5: Edited by American Education Press, 400 S. Front St., Columbus, Ohio. Published by American Printing House for the Blind. Grade 12; weekly; Oct. - May; current events reprinted from elementary school magazines in ink-print; \$3.00 per year.

Our Times: Edited by the American Education Press, 400 South Front St., Columbus, Ohio. Published by American Printing House for the Blind. Grade 2; weekly; current

events for high school students; \$7.50 per year.

Post Mark WLW: Edited by Mrs Hilda Weaver. Published by the WLW Mailbag Club. Grade 2; reproduction of the inkprint magazine which gives radio news and programs. \$3.00 per year. Money order should be made out to Mrs. Rose Mort, 526 Hazel Avenue., Lima, Ohio.

Your Future: Edited by American Education Press, 400 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio. Published by American Printing House for the Blind. Grade 1; weekly; Oct.-May; vocational guidance text; \$7.75 per year.

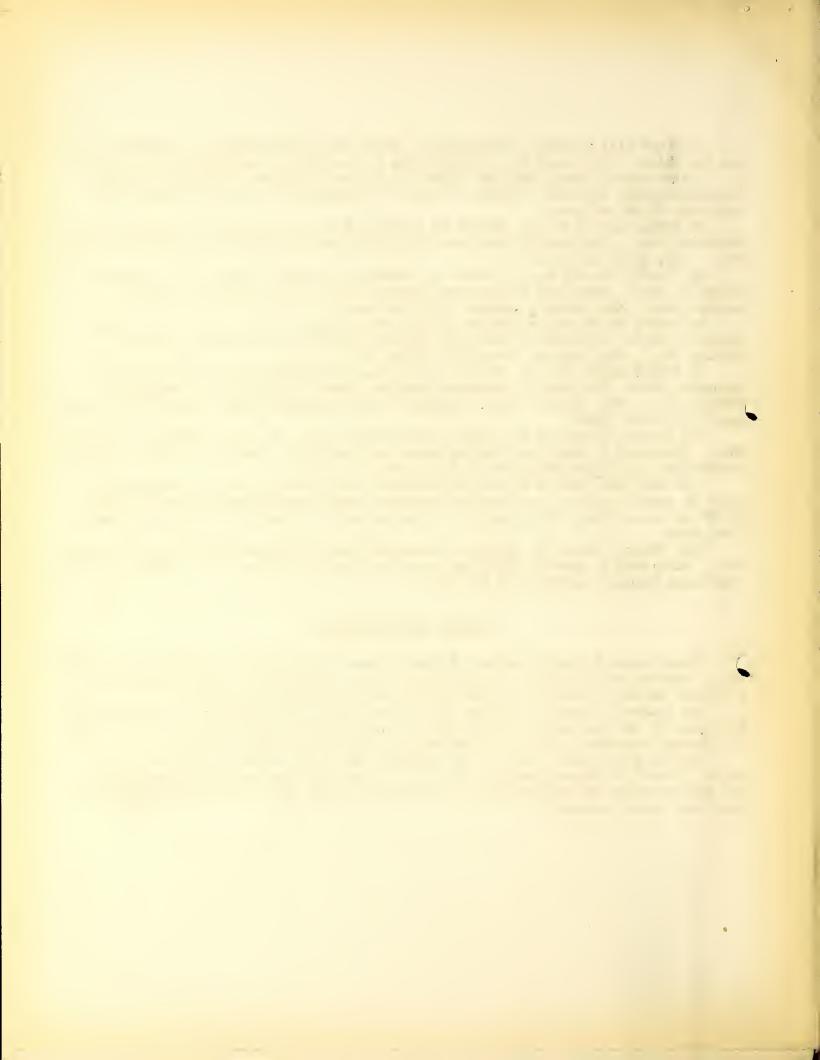
#### TALKING BOOK MAGAZINES

Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine: Edited by American Mercury, New York City. Published by American Printing House for the Blind, 1839 Frankfort Ave., Louisville 6, Ky. 1 record; monthly; placed in circulatiing libraries for blind readers.

The Readers' Digest: Edited by the Readers' Digest Association, Pleasantville, N.Y. Published by the American Printing House for the Blind. 10 records; monthly; reprint

of inkprint magazine; placed in circulating libraries for blind readers.

Talking Book Topics: Edited and published by the American Foundation for the Blind, 15 West 16 Street, New York 11, N. Y. 1 record; quarterly; announcement of new Talking Books and information to readers; \$1.00 per year. (Inkprint copies are sent free to all readers.)



#### LIST OF LIBRARIES GIVING TERRITORY-SERVED BY FACH

Albany

New York State Library, Library for the Blind, Washington Avenue:

New York State other than Greater New York City and Long Island;

Vermont

Atlanta Carnegie Library of Atlanta, Kriegshaber Library for the Blind, 679
Piedmont Avenue, N.E.: Georgia; Alabama; Florida

Austin Texas State Library, State Capitol: Texas

Canada Canadian National Institute Library, 64 Baldwin Street, Toronto: Canada

Chicago Public Library, Department of Books for the Blind, 4536-44 Lincoln Avenue: Illinois north of Springfield; Wisconsin

Cincinnati Cincinnati Public Library, Cincinnati Library Society for the Blind, 6990 Hamilton Avenue, Mt. Healthy: Ohio south of Columbus; Kentucky; Tennessee

Cleveland Cleveland Public Library, Library for the Blind, 325 Superior Avenue NE:
Northern half of Ohio, including Columbus

Denver Public Library, Books for the Blind, Civic Center, Denver 2: Colorado; Nebraska; New Mexico

Detroit Wayne County Library, Department for the Blind, 3661 Trumbull Avenue: Wayne County, Michigan

Faribault Minnesota Braille and Sight-Saving School, Library for the Blind: Minnesota; North Dakota; South Dakota

Yonolulu Library of Hawaii, Library for the Blind: Hawaiian Islands

Indianapolis Indiana State Library, Service for the Blind, 140 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis: Indiana

Jacksonville Illinois Free Circulating Library for the Blind, Illinois School for the Blind: Southern half of Illinois including Springfield; Iowa

JBL Jewish Braille Library, 1846 Harrison Avenue, New York 53, N.Y.:
Nation-wide service

LC The Library of Congress, Division for the Blind, Washington 25, D.C.:
District of Columbia; Maryland; North and South Carolina; Virginia

Los Angeles Braille Institute of America, Braille Institute Library, 721 North Vermont Avenue: California; Arizona

New Orleans Public Library of New Orleans, Library for the Blind, 2940 Cana Street, New Orleans 27: Louisiana; Mississippi

N. Y. Guild New York Guild for the Jewish Blind, 1880 Braodway, New York 23, N.Y. Nation-wide service

NYPL The New York Public Library, Library for the Blind, 137 West 25 Street, New York 1: Greater New York City and Long Island; Connecticut; Puerto Rico; Virgin Islands Oklahoma Library Commission, Braille Department, State Capitol, Oklahoma Oklahoma City: Oklahoma; Arkansas Perkins Perkins Institution Library, Watertown 72, Massachusetts: For Takking Book Service, Massachusetts; New Hampshire; Maine; Rhode Island. For embossed books, all of New England Free Library of Philadelphia, Logan Square, Philadelphia 3: Philadelphia Eastern half of Pennsylvania including Harrisburg; New Jersey; Delaware Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Division for the Blind, 4400 Pittsburgh Forbes Street: Pennsylvania west of Harrisburg; Fest Virginia Portland Library Association of Portland, 801 West Tenth Avenue: Oregon; Idaho Sacramento California State Library, Books for the Blind, 2709 Derby: California; Nevada Saginaw State Library for the Blind, 924 Houghton Avenue: All of Michigan outside of Wayne County Salt Lake City Public Library of Salt Lake City, Reading Room for the Blind, Salt Lake City 1: Utah; Wyoming Seattle Public Library, Library for the Blind, 731 North 35 Seattle Street, Seattle 3: Washington; Montana; Alaska St Louis Public Library, Wolfner Memorial Library for the Blind, St Louis 3844 Olive Street: Missouri; Kansas Xavier The Xavier Society for the Blind, Library for the Blind, 154 East 23 Street, New York 10, N. Y.: Nation-wide service; also Mexico and Canada LIST OF OTHER ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS MAGAZINE American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N.Y. ABS American Foundation for the Blind, 15 West 16 Street, New York 11, NY. AFB APH American Printing House for the Blind, 1839 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville 6, Ky. ARC American Red Cross, National Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

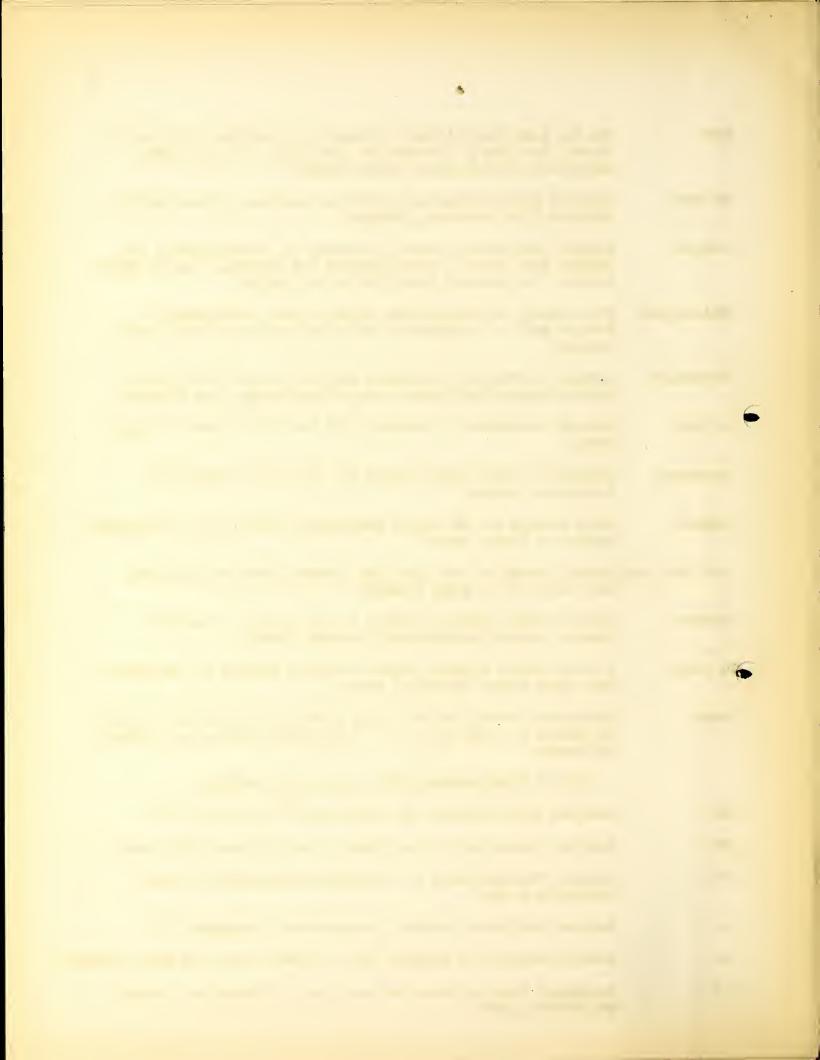
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Howe Memorial Press, 549 East Fourth Street, Boston 25, Massachusetts HMP

National Institute for the Blind, 224 Great Portland Street, NIB

London, W. 1., England

TBA Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, Krotona, Ojai,

California

#### Hand-copied Books

This is a list of hand-copied books recently reported by the libraries. Unless otherwise indicated these books are in Grade 2.

How to locate hand-copied books in libraries: Following each title in this list, you will find either a group of initials or the name of a city. These are the abbreviar tions for the names of the libraries for the blind and indicate the library in which you will find the book. A key to these abbreviations, giving the names and addresses of each library and publishing house is included in every January and June issue.

Allan, Doug, Gamblers with fate, 5v Grade 1; 1946 Chicago Tales of adventure which the author rounded up for his radio program; thrills and chills from everywhere.

Anderson, Sherwood. Winesburg, Ohio; a group of tales of Ohio small town life. 1938 Detroit.

Contents: Hands. Paper pills. Mother Philosophy. Nobody knows. Godliness. Surrender. Terror. Man of ideas. Thinker, Street of God. Teacher. Loneliness. Awakening. "Queer." Untold lie. Tandy. Drink. Death. Sophistication. Departure.
Barnett, Lincoln. The universe and Mr. Einstein. 2v 1948 NYPL
Benchley, Robert C. Of all things. 3v Grade 12 Chicago

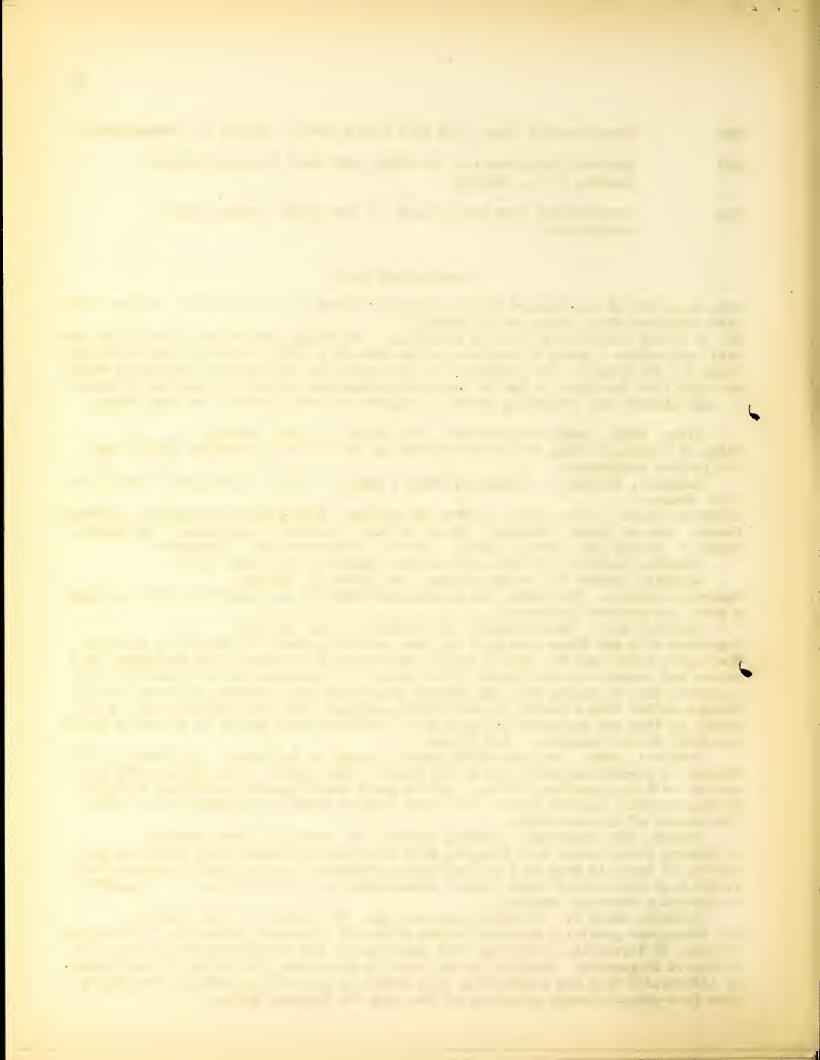
Humorous sketches. The author was an American humorist and dramatic critic and also a radio and picture performer.

Bentley, Eric. Bernard Shaw. 4v Grade 12 1948 Chicago Appraisal of a man whose long life has been partially spent in evaluating himself. The author feels that Mr. Shaw's public personality has obscured his importance as a writer and thinker; in the course of an attempt to disengage the real Shaw from the legendary one, he argues that the Shavian philosophy is a sensible eclectic body of thought rather than a bundle of conflicting epigrams, that his plays are not as abstract as they are generally believed to be, and that Shaw should be viewed as one of the great modern teachers. New Yorker.

Bothwell, Jena. The thirteenth stone, a story of Rajpatana. 2v Grade 1 1946 Chicago A present-day Hindu boy is the hero of this story. Jivan Singh lives in a mud hut with his guardian, Babban. All he knows about himself is that he belongs to an aristocratic, warrior caste. The story follows Jivan's adventures as he solves the mystery of his own birth.

Bridge, Ann, pseudonym. Singing waters. 6v Grade 1 1946 Chicago An unhappy young woman, half English, half American, wandering about Europe in the 1930's, is taken in hand by a philanthropic Norwegian. As the story develops, there is not much plot, but a quiet charm. Interesting as an introduction to a magnetic people and a dramatic country.

Coleman, Satis N. Volcanoes--new and old. 3v Grade 1; 1946 Chicago The widespread publicity accorded to the birth and subsequent behavior of the Mexican volcano, El Parecutia, during the last three years, has stimulated much interest in volcanoes in general. Inspired by her visit to Parecutia, the author of this lavishly illustrated book has assembled a vast amount of interesting material concerning some four-score volcanic eruptions of the last few thousand years.



Ellington, Richard. It's a crime. 3v 1948 NYPL Detective story.

Fairchild, David. The world grows round my door. 5v Grade 1 1941 Chicago also in N Y Guild Author of "The World is My Garden," which is also available in braille, now writes of the Kampong, his home in Coconut Grove, where he has introduced into his garden many fruits, plants and ornamental trees collected from tropical regions all over the world. In presenting the picture of his Florida home, he is led to describe houses in which he has lived in other parts of the United States, in Europe and in the Pacific area.

Franken, Rose. Claudia and David. 5v 1940 Detroit
Further adventures of the Naughtons, Claudia and David, whose first year of marriage
was told in "Claudia," which is also available in braille. Their oldest child is
aged five. The second child is only a baby, but the glamor of their happiness is
still with them, as us made manifest in the stories of their marriage.

Hall, Ruby Lea. The great tide. 10v 1947 NYPL Long novel about plantation life in Florida during the 1830's and 1840's. The heroine is the glamorous "Caline" Cohran, who married for money and regretted her choice. The collapse of a Florida boom; the yellow fever; and finally a disastrous hurricane ended all hope of life in St. Joseph, and Caline had to revise her plan of living.

Haviland-Taylor, Katherine. Back roads. 5v 1939 NY Guild; also in LC Lockridge, Ross Franklin. Raintree county. 23v 1948 Grade 1 Chicago An epic novel describing a day, July 4, 1892, in the life of Johnny Shawnessy, in which he participates in the holiday ceremonies of his small Indiana town and meets two old boyhood friends. These events set off a series of flashbacks in his mind and he relives his school days, his Civil War experiences, his brief political life, his two marriages, and a love affair that ended badly.

Meadowcroft, Enid L. On Indian trails with Daniel Boone. 2v Grade 1 1947 Chicago A story for young readers which tells why and how Daniel boone led his family and his friends over the Wilderness Road to Kentucky. Daniel Boone's children are the central figures of the story.

Miller, Francesca D. The sands. 4v Grade  $l_2^1$  Chicago

Mumford. Lewis. The culture of the cities. 10v 1938 NY Guild Contents: Protection and the medieval town. Court, parade and capital. Insensate industrial town. Rise and fall of megalopolis. Regional framework of civilization. Politics of regional developments. Social bases of the new urban order. The book has the rich imagery, the active commerce in ideas, the evidence, put into visual forms, of long spans of history. The book has something that corresponds to the very vitality of the city.

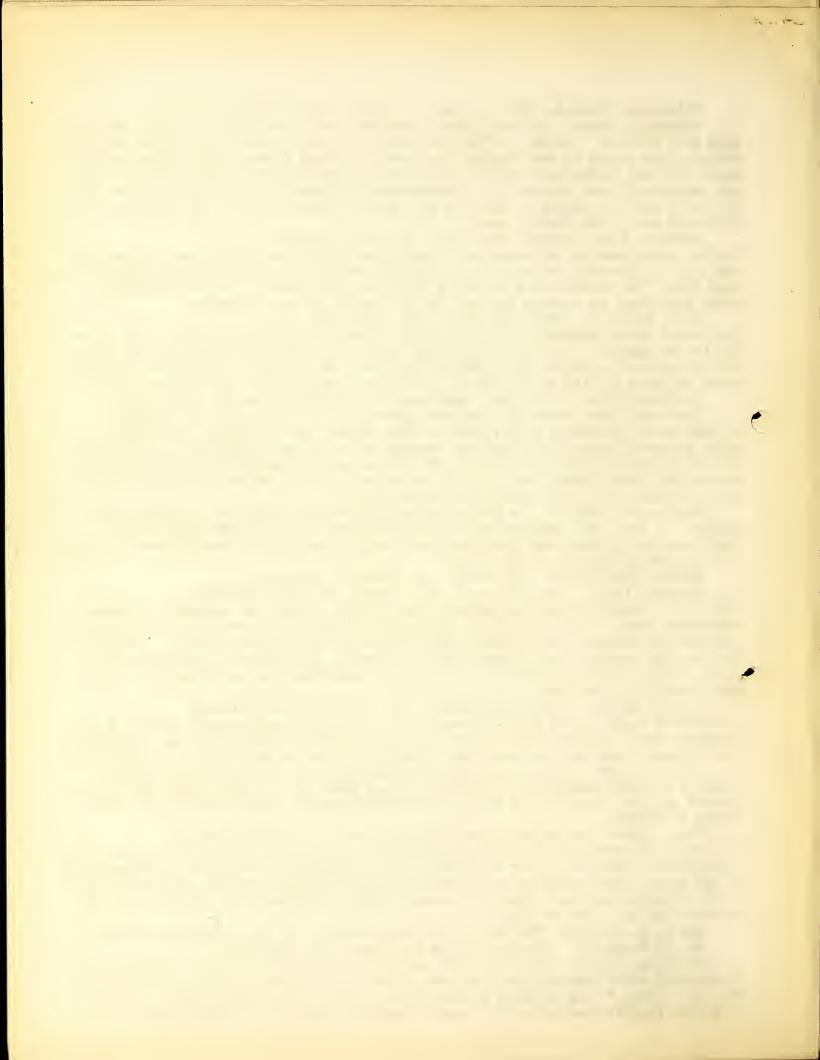
Nathan, Robert. Long after summer. 2v Grade 1 1948 Chicago Short novel based on the idyllic love of Johanna, a fourteen-year-old girl from an orphanage and a lad who lives in the Cape Cod village. In his beautiful prose, Nathan has written a Cape Cod love story as refreshing as the breezes at his Truro summer home.

O'Brien, Jack. Valiant, dog of the timberline. 3v Grade 1 1935 Chicago Story of a German shepherd dog, trained to herd sheep on a western ranch and the important part he played in the battle between his master, a sheep herder and neighboring cattlemen.

Shaw, Irwin. Act of faith and other stories. 3v 1946 NY Guild Collection of twelve stories most of which were first printed in the "New Yorker" and "Collier's." They have a war background with sociological overtones. Contents: Preach on the dusty roads. Faith at sea. Funners' passage. Walking wounded. Hamlets of the world. Retreat. Part in a play. The priest. Night in Algiers. Medal from Jesus. The veterans reflect. Act of faith.

Smith, G. Malcolm. The grass is always greener. 3v 1947 NY Guild Fiction Smith, Richard M. The bay's first two years. 2v 1948 NYPL

Sullivan, Frank. A rock in every snowball. 3v Grade 1 1946 Chicago Forty-eight brief humorous sketches most of which have been previously published in the "New Yorker," "The Saturday Evening Post" or "PM." They range from a lawyer's lingo and goodwill societies to a passion against pigeons and women's hats.



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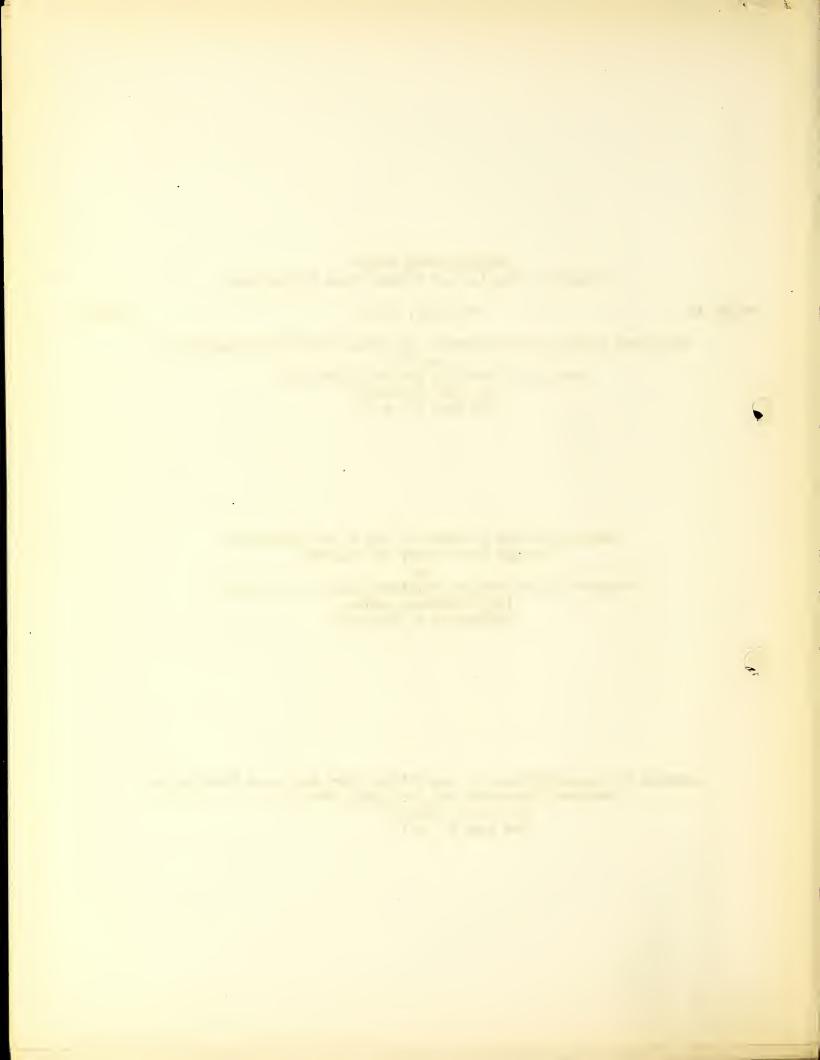
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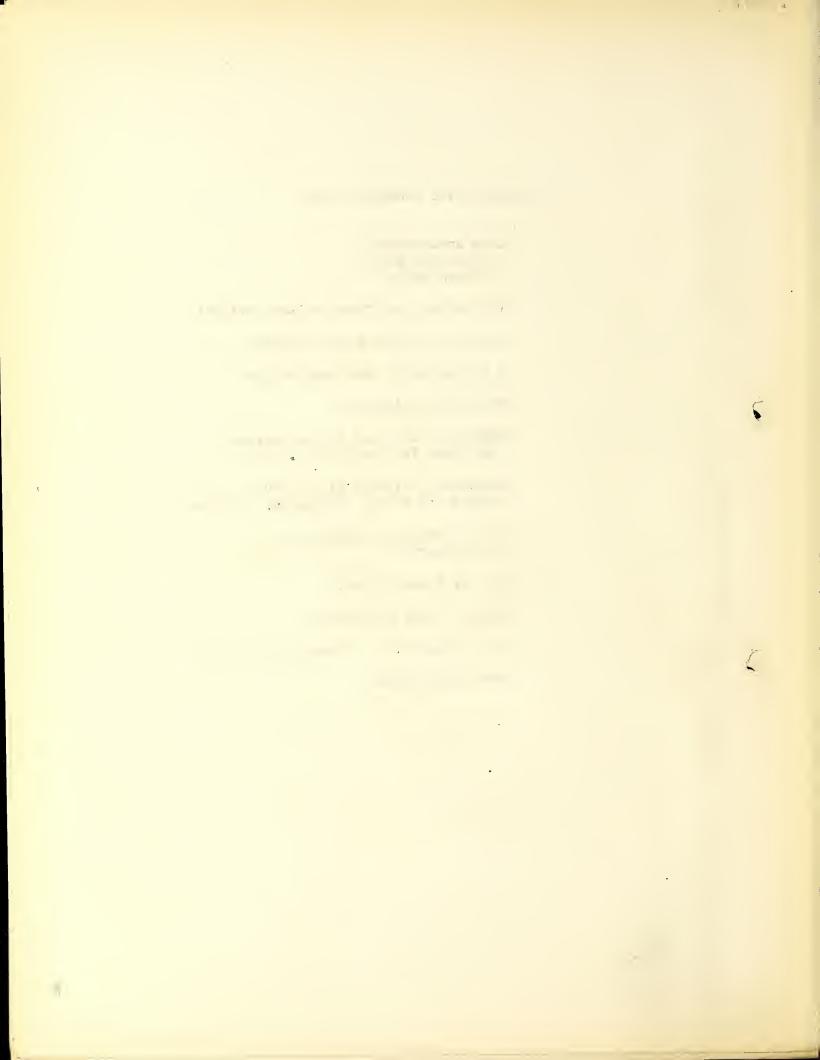
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### Book Announcements Press-made Books

All press-made or Talking Books here noted are provided by the Federal Government. Copies of these government-owned books are placed in the twenty-six regional libraries which serve the blind. A list of these libraries appears regularly in the January and June numbers of the magazine. Readers are required to borrow books from the library designated by the Library of Congress to serve their respective territories. In the list which follows, the first book notation in every instance should be credited to the Book Review Digest unless another source is given.

Brooks, Van Wyck. Times of Melville and Whitman. 6v 1947 APH
This volume on American literary life covers the period from the late 1840's to the
mid 1880's and covers the whole of the United States. A valuable guidebook to literary
roadways and bypaths, written with easy charm.

Canasta rules. 24 pages HMP Price: 10¢ each with minimum charge of 50¢. (Not

a publication of the U. S. Government)

Curtis, George De Clyver. Bees' ways. 2v 1948 APH
Useful information for people who "might like to find out in a casual and painless
sort of way the main facts in the life of the bee." Explains something of bee
psychology and the law of the hive, and relates some legends and superstitions about
bees.

Defoe, Daniel. Moll Flanders. 4v 1722 BIA

Moll went to the bad in early life, was five times married (bigamously or legitimately, she little cared), a thief and a harlot, and eventually a penitent. She tells her story with a plain sincerity that both capitivates and appals.

Dorrance, Anne. Green cargoes. lv 1945 CPH
Covers the search for and the transportation of seeds and plants throughout the world.
In addition to touching on the various explorations, the author devotes considerable space to the hardships and manner in which plants and seeds were discovered and transmanted from their native habitats.

Federalist: The enduring Federalist, edited and analyzed by Charles A. Beard.

An abridgement of the Federalist papers of Hamilton, Madison and John Jay. The editor has arranged the text of the papers into brief paragraphs and put them under topical headings of his own. There is also an analytical introduction by the editor.

Funk, Charles Earle. A hog on ice, and other curious expressions. 2v 1948 HMP future lexicographers will look up from their work to call Mr. Funk blessed, both for the research he has done on old phrases and because he has set down in good time the origin of such modern phrases as fifth columnist, Bronx cheer, and behind the eight ball. Dr. Funk has set down with humor and scholarship the best and most plausible explanations he could pry out of past records and living persons.

Geismar, Maxwell. Last of the provincials; the American novel, 1915-1925. 5v

1943, 1947 APH

In his searching examination of the "literary mind" of America in its years of tension (1920 to 1940, approximately), Maxwell Geismar has paused to study some curious and puzzling reflections of that mentality. The "provincials" represented in this second volume of his critical series are H. L. Menken, Sinclair Lewis, Willa Cather, Sherwood Anderson and Scott Fitzgerald. It is not at all difficult to understand why Mr. Geismar classifies the four novelists as provincials. Each of them grew up in a small midwestern or western community and seemed almost to have been born with an official commission to chronicle its story. From the Saturday Review of Literature.



Gould, John. And one to grow on; recollections of a Maine boyhood. 3v 1949 CPH Reminiscences of the author's boyhood spent in the Maine town where his ancestors have lived for nearly 200 years. He still lives there and edits the "Lisbon Enterprise," a small weekly with a large reputation.

Grey, Zane. Lone Star ranger. 3v 1915 BIA

A story of Texas in the period of the 70's. After killing a man in self-defense, Buck
Duane becomes an outlaw, a companion of the criminals and gunfighters who live along
the Texas border.

Hale, Garth, pseudonym. Victory of Paul Kent. 3v 1948 HMP
Paul Kent, a young graduate of a Methodist seminary, is deservedly appointed to the best pastorate open. All is going well with him and his family when a parishioner chooses to make Paul her confident. The result makes for an interesting story.

Sayers, Dorothy L. Unpopular opinions, twenty-one essays. 3v 1947 Panda #124 NIB (Not a publication of the U. S. Government)
Witty and challenging papers on theological, political and critical subjects. One section is a group of studies on the Sherlock Holmes stories.

Stagge, Jonathan. Death's old sweet song. 3v Panda #123 NIB (Not a publication of the U. S. Government)

At a picnic near a mansion in Massachusetts, the first muder occurred, and a song sung at the picnic, "Green Grow the Rushes, O" set the pattern for a diabolical series of murder. First class characterization, detection and thrills.

Stern, G. B. No son of mine. 4v 1948 BIA
While tramping through Scotland, a vagrant is taken for the son of Robert Louis
Stevenson. The idea strikes Robert as pay dirt and he reads all the works of his
supposed father and plays up to those who take him for Stevenson's son. Gradually
his views change as he reads the courageous works of the author through; instead of
arrogance he begins to assume humbleness. Instead of demanding money, he works for
his living. The time is several years after the death of Stevenson. The novel contains much material quoted from Stevenson's works.

Stong, Phil. Horses and Americans. 4v 1939 APH

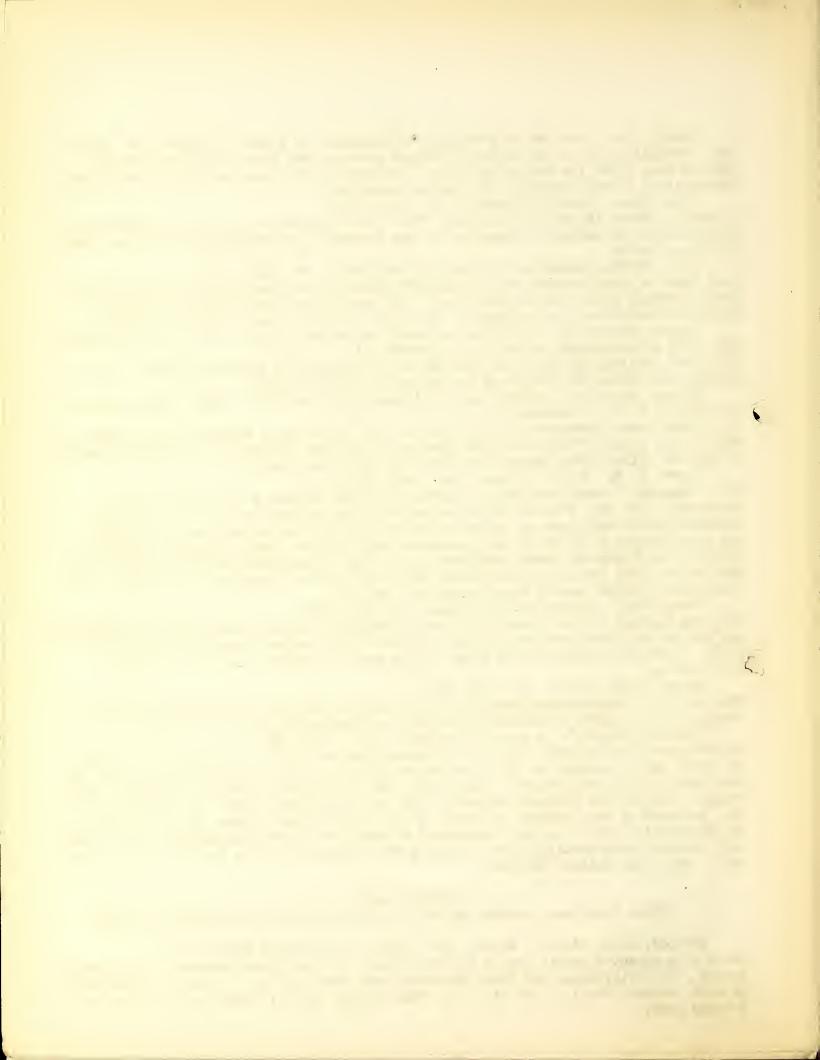
American history is here retold in order to emphasize the part horses have played from the day of the conquistadores through settlement and pioneer times, in war and in peace. Part two deals with the place of the horse in today's so-called machine civilization.

Suckow, Ruth. Cora. 3v 1929 CPH
The story of a hard-working young girl who, after getting an easy going family into economic shape, makes a disastrous marriage and then rebuilds on the ruins.

Toynbee, Arnold J. A study of history. 10v 1947 APH
An abridgement of volumes 1 to 6 of Professor Toynbee's "Study of History" of which
the first three appeared in 1933, the second three in 1939. It is an analysis of the
rise and fall of civilization. Admittedly, this single volume will be useful to the
student, chiefly for business purposes. But to the general reader who has faltered at
the prospect of six volumes, it should prove of the utmost value. It includes all
the essentials, yet it is well calculated to lure him to the fountainhead. Mr. Somervell deserves much gratitude for providing this easy access to a most important historian. Christian Science Monitor.

# Talking Books (These books are provided by the U.S. Government unless otherwise noted)

Curwood, James Oliver. Kazan. 14r 1914 Read by Busky Kozlow APH Story of a splendid Arctic dog, a quarter strain wolf and three quarters husky, who is driven from civilization and finds his mate among the wolf pack. Similar in interest to Jack London's "Call of the Wild" and "White Fang" both of which are available as a Talking Book.



Gibbings, Robert. Blue angels and whales; a record of personal experiences below and above water. 7r 1946 Read by Sam Gifford APH

The author now takes his drawing board under water to represent the weird, colorful life that builds and inhabits the reefs of Tahiti, Bermuda and the Red Sea. His personal observations through the window of a diving helmet are interspersed with local anecdotes and quotations from professional naturalists.

Gilbreth, Frank B., Jr., and E. G. Carey. Cheaper by the dozen. 12r 1948 Read by James Walton APH

In this life with Father and Mother, Father was the famous industrial engineer who invented time and motion study. In collaboration with Mother, Father had twelve children, and this is the story by two of them of what it was like to be raised in an "efficiency run" household. It is a gay and lighthearted book with some serious overtones.

Knight, Brigid, pseudonym. Southern Cross. 19r 1949 Read by James Baskerville APH The theme nearest the author's heart is the resolving of English-Boer differences. The novel extends through two wars and ends with World War II. The story contributes to an understanding of the young nation at the tip of Africa.

Seton, Anya. The hearth and the eagle. 2 pts 33r Read by George Patterson 1948 APH

Epic novel describing the life of a marble-head woman who achieved serenity from her 300 year old home and courage from her ancestors. As Regional history, the book has values.

#### DO YOU WANT THE BRAILLE BOOK REVIEW?

The mailing list of the "Braille Book Review" has not been checked in several years. We are therefore asking you to send a post card to the American Printing House for the Blind, 1839 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville 6, Kentucky, within the next sixty days if you wish to have it continued.

We are glad--in fact, we are delighted--to send the magazine to you. We are checking the list only to eliminate the names of those who do not wish it but have neglected to notify us. Please write promptly as the names of those who do not reply within sixty days will be dropped.

#### REPAIRS ON TALKING BOOK MACHINES

If your Talking Book machine is out of order, it should be sent for repairs to the state lending agency from which it was borrowed and not to the American Foundation for the Blind.

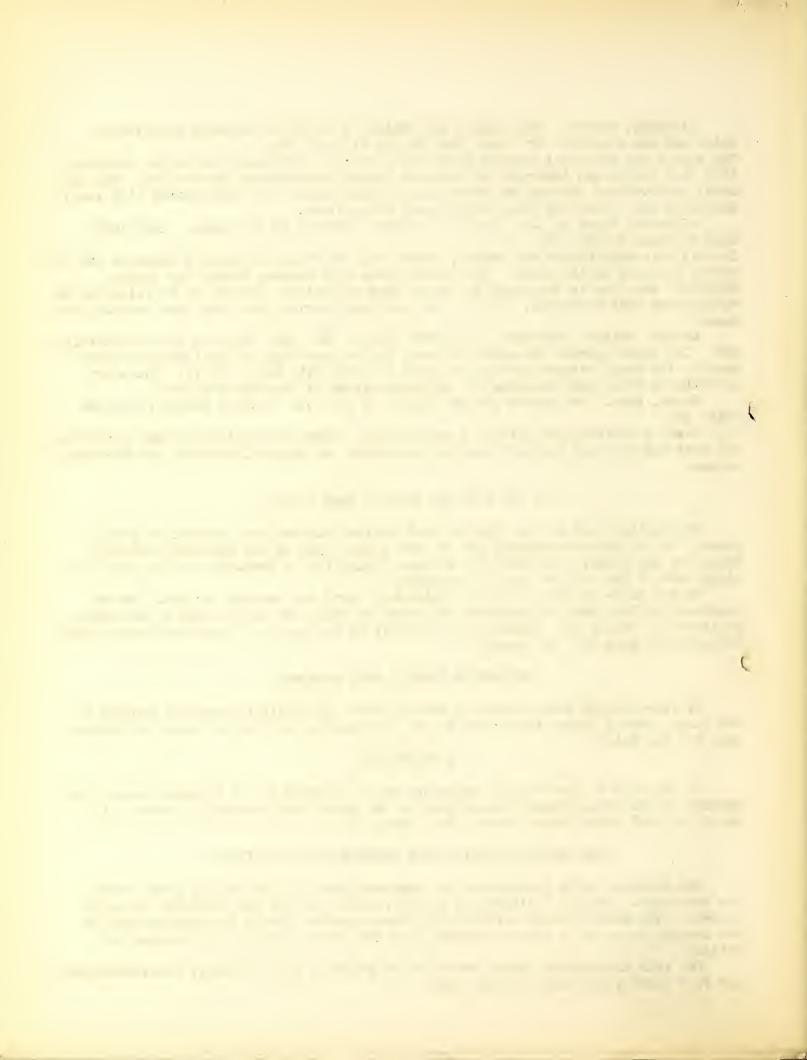
#### A CORRECTION

In the list of free braille magazines which appeared in our December issue, the address of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind was incorrectly stated. It should be 1607 North Second Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

#### THE BIBLE ON TALKING BOOK RECORDS EASILY AVAILABLE

The American Bible Society has the complete Bible on 169 Talking Book records for the blind. The Old Testament is on 129 records and the New Testament is on 40 records. The Bible Society offers all of these records direct to blind persons at the special price of 25 cents a record, plus two cents a record for wrapping and mailing.

For full information please write to the American Bible Society, Blind Department, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New. York.



# MAGAZINES PUBLISHED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND 224 Great Portland Street, London, W. 1, England

The magazines listed here are in Grade 2. Prices are in shillings and pence. For rate of exchange, consult your local post office.

Braille Chess Magazine: Quarterly; for chess players, both beginners and advanced students; competitions. 3s Available from NYPL

Braille Musical Magazine: Monthly; topical information for blind musicians, teachers and students of music, and pianoforte tuners; reviews of new braille music; competitions, 6s.

Braille News Summary: Weekly; a chronicle of the leading home, empire, and

foreign news, mainly intended for the deaf-blind. 3s

Braille Radio Times: Weekly; authoritative resume of program broadcast from all

stations of the British Broadcasting Corporation. 6/6d

The Braille Rainbow: Quarterly; published by the Institute and the National Deaf-Blind Helpers League. Matters of interest to the deaf-blind. Applications for copies should be sent to the Institute.

Channels of blessing: Bi-monthly; a religious magazine providing reading matter which will give spiritual help and comfort. (Applications considered for free copies). 3/3d

Daily notes on Scripture Union portions: bi-monthly, each part covering two months in advance. 8/

Extracts from "Law Notes.": Monthly; brief summaries of cases of the month, statues and statutory instruments, for the use of blind lawyers 5/

Journal of Physiotherapy: Monthly; devoted to the professional interests of qualified blind physiotherapists. 6/ Available form NYPL

National Braille Mail: weekly; short articles and extracts from leaders on typical subjects; mainly political. Price 6/6d

National News-Letter: Weekly; fortnightly commentary on world affairs (reprinted from inkprint edition). 6/6d

Physiotherapists' Quarterly: 3/

Progress: Monthly; containing articles of general interest, competitions, question box, corresp ndence, fiction, matters of the moment, home occupations supplements. 5/6d. Available in all 26 regional libraries.

School Magazine: Monthly; reading matterfor class use, and blind boys and girls generally; competitions; infants' supplement in uncontracted braille; supplement for scouts. Not issued in the month of August. 3/6d

Theological Times: Quarterly; representative of all schools of thought in the whole Church, and containing articles and reviews from the leading theological periodicals. 3/

World Digest: Monthly; current fact and comment culled from periodicals and books all over the world. (Reprinted from the inkprint edition). 12/ Available from NYPL

MAGAZINE PUBLISHED BY THE ROYAL LONDON SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND, LONDON, ENGLAND

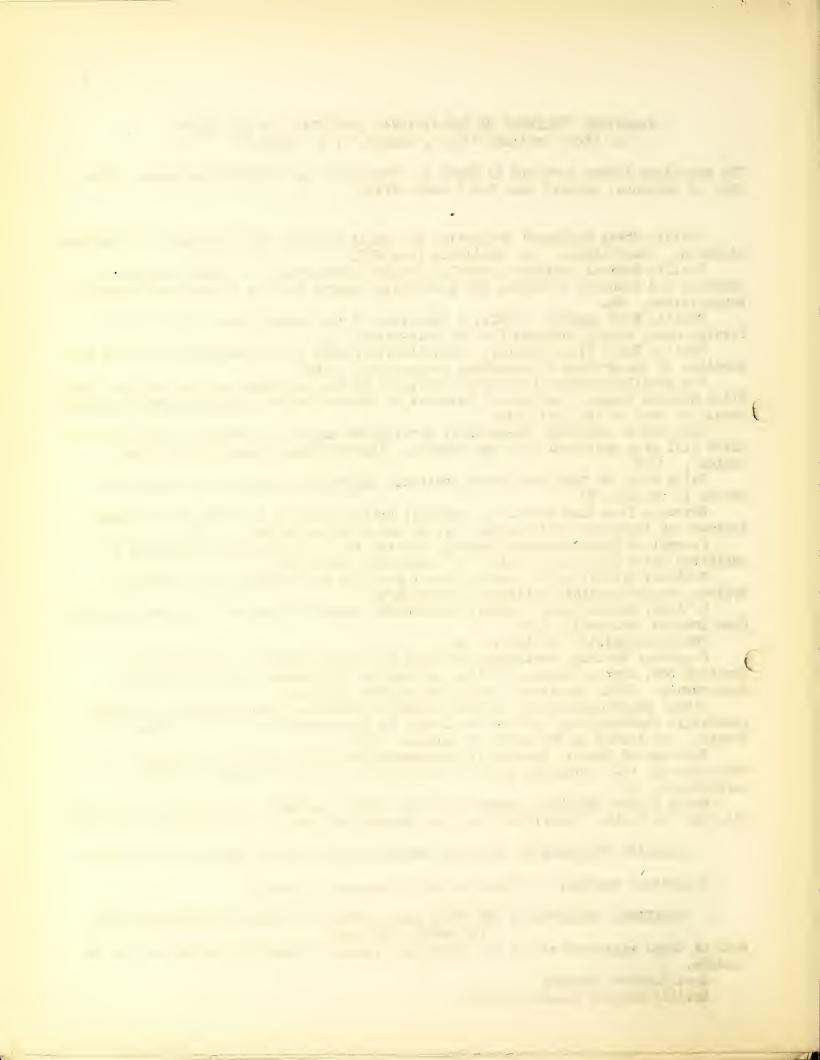
Hampstead: Monthly; available in the 26 regional libraries

MAGAZINES PUBLISHED BY THE ROYAL BLIND ASYLUM AND SCHOOL, CRAIGHILLAR PARK, EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

Both of these magazines are in all twenty-six regional libraries for circulation to readers.

Hora Jucunda: Monthly

Braille Science Journal: Monthly



### BRAILLE MAGAZINES PUBLISHED IN SOUTH AMERICA

For terms of distribution write to the publishers.

Revista del patronato Nacional de Ciegos, Cangallo 1878, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Spanish Available from NYPL

Hacia La Luz, Lezica 3909, Esq. Medrano, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Spanish Available from NYPL

Esfuerzo y Triunfo, Apartado 72, Medellin, Colombia. Spanish

Relevo, Fundação para o Livro do Cego no Brasil, rua de Quitanda 96, San Paolo, Brasil. Portuguese. Available form NYPL

### BRAILLE BOOKS ON RADIO

(Books published through the Library of Congress are financed by the U. B. Government and placed in all regional libraries. Apply to your nearerst library for such books.)

Abbott, Waldo. Handbook of broadcasting. 2v Perkins

Baarslag, Karl. S.O.S. to the rescue. 3v CPH (The development of the ship's wireless and the heroic part played by radio men in rescues at sea.) Published through Library of Congress.

Codel, Martin, editor. Radio and its future. 4v 1932 Grade 1 HMP Publish-

ed through the Library of Congress (A survey by twenty-nine authorities)

Gielgud, Val. How to write broadcast plays, with three examples. lv Published through Library of Congress.

Hicks, H.J. Principles and practice of radio servicing. 6v 1940 St. Louis
How to become a radio amateur, by staff of the American Radio Relay League. 1v
1940 AARC Published through Library of Congress

The radio amateur's handbook; a manual of amateur high frequency radio communication, by the headquarters staff of the American Radio Relay League. 7v 12th edition 1935 ARC Published through Library of Congress

Radio amateur's license manual--Change sheet, no. 2. lv 1940 ARC Published

through Library of Congress.

Radio amateur's license manual, by staff of American Radio Relay League, 1936 edition. lv ARC Published through Library of Congress

Radio amateur's license manual, with diagrams. lv 1941 ARC Published through Library of Congress

Reck, F.M. Radio from start to finish. lv 1944 APH Published through Library of Congress.

Peet, All about broadcasting. lv 1942 APH \$1.50

Rolo, C. J. Radio goes to war; the "fourth front"; with an introduction by Johannes Steel. 4v 1942 BIA Published through Library of Congress.

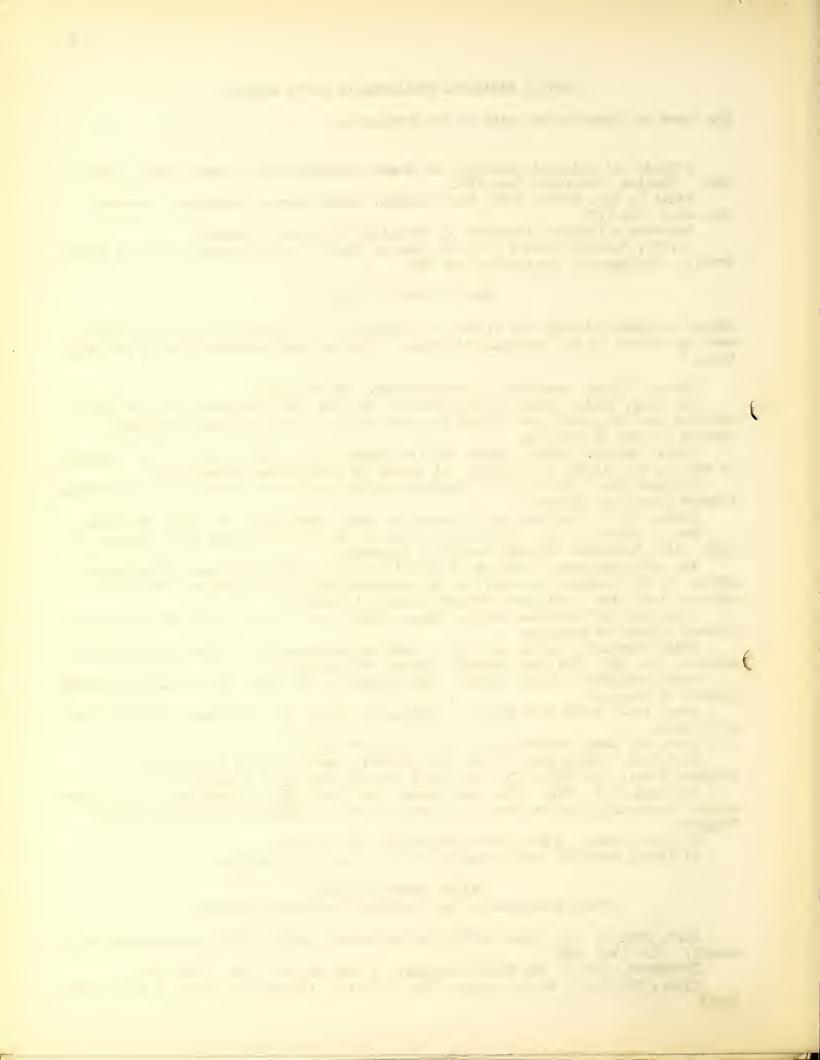
Stiening, F.H. Make radio your hobby. lv 1941 APH (A handbook with diagrams, written especially for the blind by a radio expert) Published through Library of Congress

Whipple, James. How to write for radio. 10v Denver Williams, Henry S. Radio-mastery of the ether. 2v Perkins

## TALKING BOOKS ON RADIO (These books are in the twenty-six regional libraries)

Hart, John G. The radio code by the voice-code method (with accompanying braille manual). 5r 1943 AFB

Schechter, Abel A. and Edward Anthony. I live on air. 26r 1941 AFB
Tyler, Kingdom A. Modern radio. 10r 1944 APH (Scientific story of radio simply told)



#### BOOKS ON COOKING

Atwater, H. W. Home economics. lv Grade  $1\frac{1}{2}$  (reading with a purpose series) St. Louis, Pittsburgh

Bell, Louise Price. Kitchen fun. lv Perkins

Chenoweth, Walter W. How to make candy. lv Perkins

Claire, Mabel. Busy woman's cookbook. lv Perkins St Louis

Cox, editor. 103 selected recipes. lv Pittsburgh

Davis mystery chef. Little book of excellent recipes and cooking tips. 3v Grade 1 Pittsburgh, Philadelphia

DeBroth, J. M. Modern guide to better meals. 10v St Louis

Farmer, Fannie M. Selections from the Boston Cooking School cook book. 2v Grade 12 Published through the Library of Congress.

Good housekeeping recipes. lv N Y Guild

Kander, Mrs. Simon. The settlement cook book. 5v NY Guild Over 3000 easily followed recipes.

Lee, E. Evelyn Lee's cook book. 2v BIA More than 500 recipes by a blind housewife.

Metropolitan cook book, published by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. lv ARC Mirro-Matic pressure pan cook book. lv Grade 1 APH A guide to effective pressure cooking. Contains no recipes.

Nelson, Alice B. Family food supply. lv Perkins Pettey, Eva. Robert Shaw cook book. 3v Perkins

Porch, L. Chicago lighthouse cook book. lv St Louis

Robertson, Georgia. First-aid to good cooking, from "Efficiency in Home Making."

2v Grade 1 Philadelphia, St. Louis

Rogers, L. W. Good health from right diet (Vegetarian cook book) Published through the Library of Congress.

Smith, Kate. Kate Smith's favorite recipes. lv Grade 1 Philadelphia, Perkins Van deman, Ruth, and F. W. Yeatman. Aunt Sammy's radio recipes revised. lv CPH Wade, Mary L. Book of potato cookery. lv Perkins, St. Louis

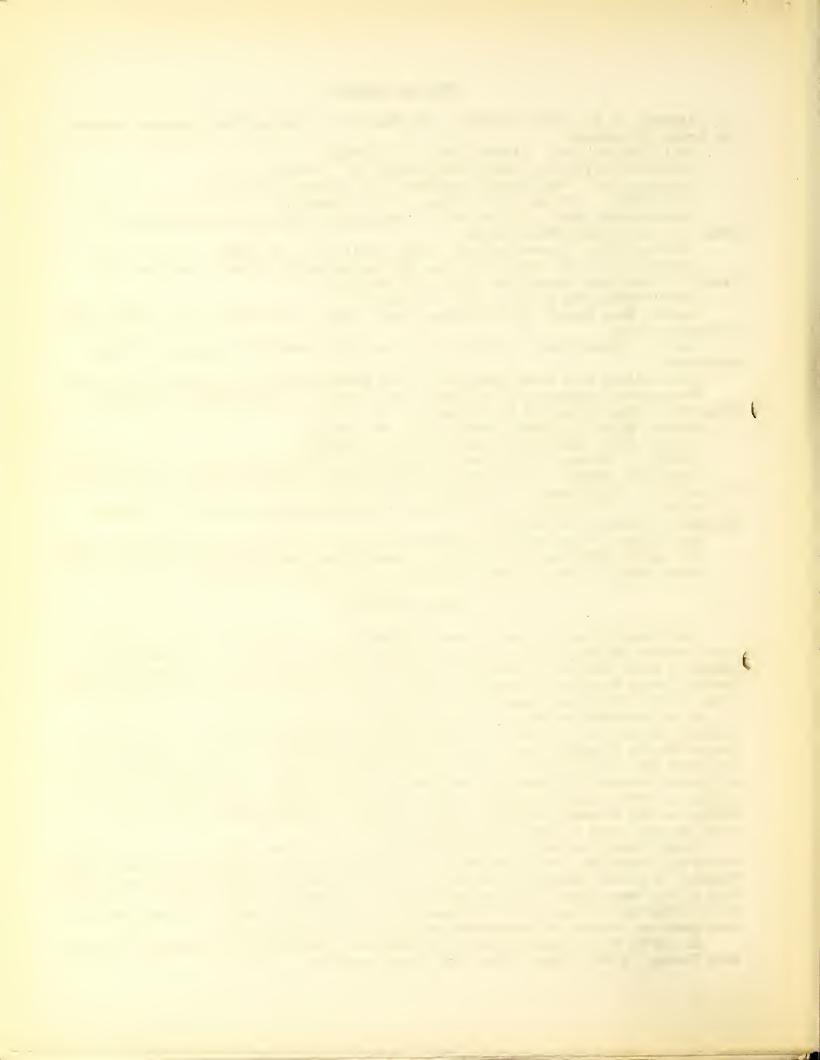
### JOHN MASON BROWN

John Mason Brown is a man of many interests, as well known to radio listeners as to lecture audiences. The author of twelve witty and widely read books, he has taught at Yale, Harvard, Columbia and the University of Montana. For fourteen years, theater lovers knew him as dramatic critic, first of the "New York Evening Post," then later of the "World-Telegram."

As a lieutenant on the staff of Vice-Admiral King during the war, his running accounts of what was happening in the Sicilian beach-heads, broadcast to the crew of Admiral Kirk's flagship, were one of the really high points of the action for all who heard him. Collected under the title of "To All Hands," it was acclaimed by many critics as the most distinguished work of reporting in 1943. Following this best seller, he wrote "Many a Watchful Night," published in 1944, a brilliant and incisive picture of the Normandy invasion. This is still a thrilling book, and for many a night to come, will it make interesting reading.

Since leaving the Navy, Mr. Brown has been an associate editor of the "Saturday Review of Literature," to which he has contributed his ever stimulating column, "Seeing Things," on a wide variety of subjects. From this popular column came his successful book of the same title. This was followed by "Seeing More Things" which was announced as available in braille in our January, 1950 issue. Mr. Brown is known also for such humorous volumes as "Accustomed as I Am," and "Insides Out."

Mr. Brown has appeared often on the radio on "Invitation to Learning," Information Please, "Author Meets Critic" and other programs.



Born in Louisville in 1900, he was educated at Harvard, where he was a member with Thomas Wolfe and Philip Barry of the famous forty-seven Workshop leader by Professor George Baker. Going abroad in 1923, he spent a year in study of the European theater and writing for the "Boston Transcript," later joining the staff of "Theater Arts Monthly" as associate editor. It was from there that, in 1929, he went to the "New York Evening Post" as dramatic critic.

Editor's note: Among this author's books the following are in Talkibg Book form

or in braille:

Accustomed as I Am Cleveland 7r APH Insides Out NYPL 5v Many a Watchful Night 3v LC 12r AFB 11 AFB To All Hands 9r Seeing More Things 3v HMP

### Hand-copied Books

This is a list of hand-copied books recently reported by the libraries. Unless otherwise indicated, these books are in Grade 2. How to locate hand-copied books in libraries: Following each title in this list, you will find either a group of initials or the name of a city. These are the abbreviations for the names of libraries for the blind and indicate the library in which you will find the book. A key to these abbreviations, giving the names and addresses of each library and publishing house is included in every January and June issue.

Anderson, Sherwood. Dark laughter. 4v 1925 NY Guild Bruce Dudley is the spoiled child longing to create with his brain or with his hands, but balked by a country that asks for neither sound handling of tools nor true words. And Bruce leaves his newspaper and his short story writing wife and goes drifting down the river scarcely knowing what he wants, unless it is to see what life is really like and put it into poetry.

Bernheim, Bertram M. A surgeon's domain. 4v 1947 NY Guild Also in Chicago

and Philadelphia

Personal experiences of an American surgeon who had been both a private practitioner and a staff member of a medical institution. Dr. Bernheim is now associate professor of surgery at the Johns Hopkins Medical School. This lively book should interest both doctors and patients. It is exceptionally well written and holds the interest throughout.

Brown, John Mason. Many a watchful night. 3v 1944 NY Guild Also in LC The former New York dramatic critic turns his attention to recording the events leading up to D-Day, the landing in Normandy, and the subsequent battles. An absorbing, inspiring and often deeply moving account of a feat of arms that future generations of Americans will look back upon with pride. (Available as a Talking Book)

Bruckberger, Raymond M. Seven miracles of Gubbio and the eighth, a parable;

translated from the French. lv Xavier

A quiet little religious parable, set down by a Dominican who was the Chaplain General of the French resistance. It concerns a wolf to whom St. Francis of Assisi has granted the power of performing miracles.

Corcoran, Rev. S. J. Shade in his hand. lv Xavier

Dooley, Roger B. Less than the angels. 6v Xavier
The story of Caroline, a ruthless social climber whose outward zeal for Catholic ation
convinced everyone, including herself, that she was a living saint. Rich and influential, she becomes involved in a struggle for power. In the familiar scenes of social
life, the reader will note an authentic picture of outward Catholic life in a modern
American city.



Edwards, E. J. This night called day. 5v Xavier

A novel inwhich the central character, an entirely self-sufficient man of the world, finds his world shattered by the sudden death of his wife and again by the war and eventually finds peace. The author has created a sympathetic character whose development makes convincing and interesting reading.

French language: Havens, George R. "Voltaire"--Candide ou l'optimisme. 1947
NY Guild A series of absurdly harrowing incidents written with the purpose of satirizing the optimistic creed that all is for the best of all possible worlds.

French language: Marivaux. Le jeu d'amour et du hasard. 3v NY Guild

Has life any meaning? .lv Xavier

Keith, Agnes N. Three came home. 5v 1947 NY Guild

The author of "Land below the wind" which is available in braille and as a Talking Book here tells the story of her years of imprisonment by the Japanese. Her story is one of unbelievable courage and should rank with the great imprisonment stories of all times. (Available as a Talking Book)

Lin Yutang. Chinatown family. 4v 1948 NYPL

Merton, Thomas. Seeds of contemplation. 3v Xavier

The phenomenal success of his autobiography, "The Seven Story Mountain" has made the young Trappist monk and poet, Thomas Merton, one of the most widely read Catholic authors in America. Those who have found help and inspiration in the story of his conversion will turn to this little book in which he shares with the world the blessings which have come to him in his secluded life of contemplation. From Xavier Society.

O'Connor, Joseph. The Norwayman. 8v Xavmer

A tiny island off the west coast of Ireland is the scene of this novel. It chronicles the way of life of two young people. They save the life of the Norwayman and when tragedy threatens he makes a gallant gesture, saving their happiness. The characters are alive, descriptions vivid, and many of the adventures breathtaking.

Robinson, Tom. Trigger John's son. 6v Detroit

The story of an adopted boy who was shipped to his home on approval. What happened to the "tough gang" which he joins forms the interest of the story.

Salter, Andrew. What is hypnosis? Studies in auto and hetero conditioning. lv 1947 NYPL

Sheen, Fulton J. Peace of soul. 5v Xavier

Probably the most persuasive speaker for Catholicism in America today, M. Sheen analyzes the inner troubles of frustrated postwar man. Instead of ignoring the teachings of Marx, Freud and other modern "ists" as apologists have heretofore done, he has used them to implement his arguments to make religion up to date, attractive and necessary.

Steinbeck, John. The wayward bus. 4v 1947 N Y Guild A group of people stranded overnight at a roadside gas station and lunchroom in California, and the people who run the station, are studied as to the effects of each of them on the others. The next day the proprietor drives the transients over the mountains to the next bus stop, ditching the bus for a time. What takes place on the way is also a part of the novel.

Swartz, Marcel M. How to write better letters. 2v 1946 NYPL

Teal, Marion P. The earth is ours. 3v Grade 1; Chicago

An account of a city family's operation of a 230 acre ancestral farm in Illinois.

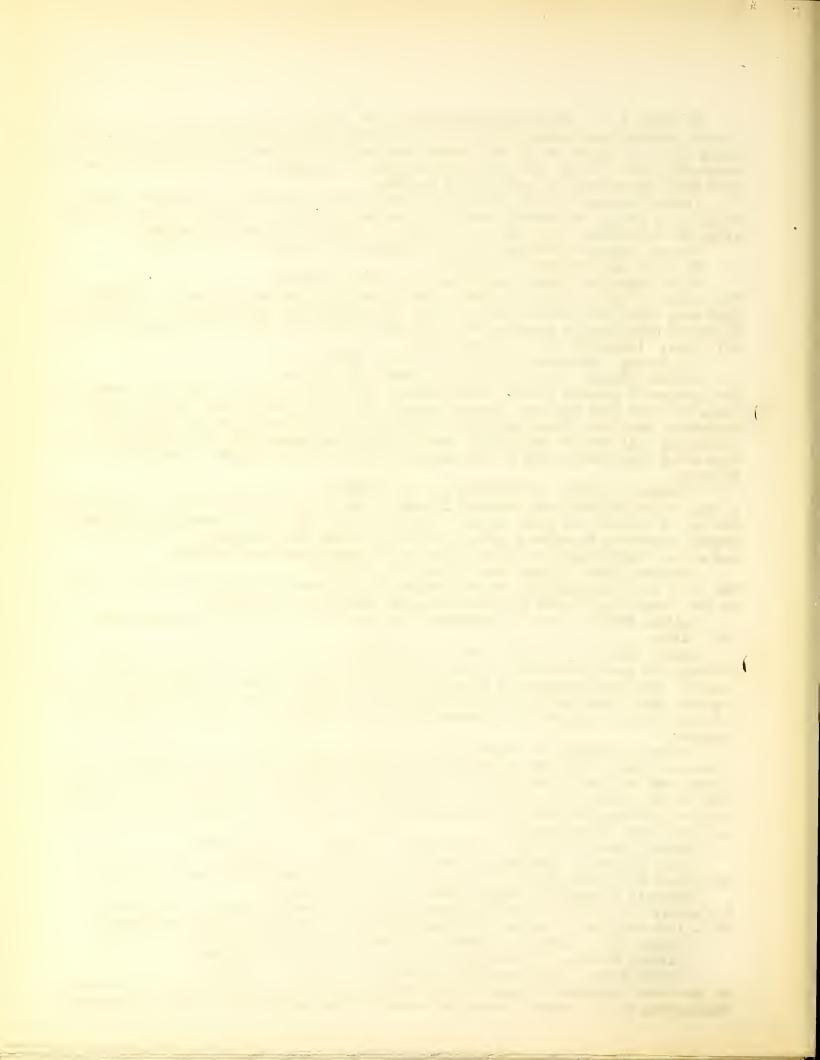
Teilhet, Hildegard. Double agent. 5v 1945 Detroit

Spy story, the scene of which is France after the German occupation. An American Ph.D. from California and her professor husband are among the chief characters.

Treacy, S.J., Gerald C. Stories of great saints for children. lv Xavier

Tritten, Charles. Heidi grows up. 2v 1948 NY Guild Juvenile Ulanov, Barry. The incredible Crosby. 5v 1948 NYPL

An anecdotal biography of Bing Crosby, showing him from his school days in Spokane, Washington, to his present successful career in the entertainment world. Includes a



list of his recordings. A warm picture of an American figure. For all Crosby fans who wish to know not only the vicissitudes but the outstanding successes of their hero, this book will be a must.

Verrill, A. H. Great conquerors of South and Central America. 6v 1929 Chicago A portayal of the cruelty, courage, and avarice of the Spanish adventurers who invaded the ancient civilizations of the Americas. Cortes in Mexico, Pizarro and the Incas, and Valdura in Peru receive major attention.

Weizmann, Chaim. Trial and error. 11v 1949 NY Guild

An autobiography that is, by extension, also the story of the world Zionist movement.

During the years since the author emerged from a Russian ghetto, he has become a chemist of international importance; for more than three decades he has been a one-man political power; and he is one of the great living humanists. His book, recording the fight for Zionism, that culminated in his being chosen as the first president of Israel, will be considered among the most inspiring autobiographies of our day. From the New Yorker.

White, Anne Terry. Lost worlds. 3v 1941 NY Guild Archaeology for young readers of grades seven to nine. It outlines the stories of four great civilizations, as told by the records discovered in the course of excavation; that of Minos; Egypt of the Pharaohs; Babylonia; Assyria; and the Mayans of Central America.

Wilcox, Frederick B. A little book of aphorisms. 4v 1937 NY Guild Zweig, Stefan. The right to heresay 3v 1936 NY Guild



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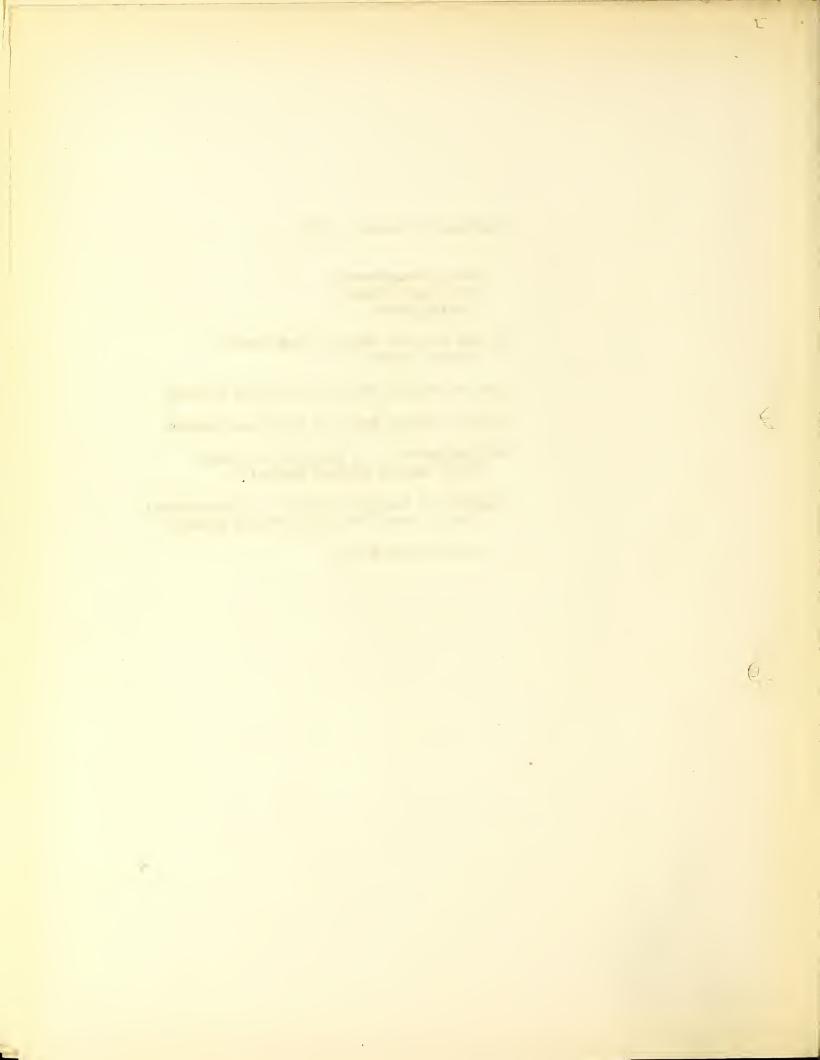
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## Book Announcements Press-made Books

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unless another source is given.

Bakeless, John E. Lewis and Clark, partners in discovery. 5v 1947 APH A combined biography of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, and an account of the exploration of the Northwest which they carried out under orders from Thomas Jefferson. (Available as a Talking Book)

Carlisle, N. V., and E. V. Nelson. Modern wonder book of ships. 4v 1947 CPH An account of ships and seafaring from earliest times to the present. The greater part of the book is devoted to modern times covering all phases of the subject—commercial and naval ships, shipwrecks and disasters, harbor equipment, navigation, etc. The last chapter, "Language of the Sea," contains a glossary of nautical terms.

Clemens, Samuel L. (Mark Twain, pseudonym). The prince and the pauper.

3v 1881 BIA By a strange accident, the boy king, Edward VI. becomes a poor boy, and the poor boy becomes king. Exciting adventures bring out the pluckiness of the street waif, the manly courage of the nobly born, and the humanity of both. The story gives a good idea of English court life during the reign of Henry VIII.

Everson, George. The story of television; the life of Philo T. Farnsworth.

3v 1949 CPH An account of the life of Philo T. Farnsworth, emphasizing his struggles to realize the dream of transmitting pictures through the air. Of interest in business as well as scientific fields, written for the layman.

Forester, C.S. The sky and the forest. 3v 1948 CPH
Story of the life of an African native, Loa, god and king of a small village in the jungle, and what happens when the village is invaded, first by Arabs, and later by Europeans.

Greene, Graham. The heart of the matter. 3v 1948 CPH
This is the story of an Assistant Police Commissioner in a Kest African coastal
town. Major Scobie's lot is not a happy one, but his unfolding ordeal makes a powerful and original novel.

Innes, Hammond, pseudonym. Gale warning. 3v 1948 APH Given a lively imagination, a well-contrived plot and a seaworthy style, a yarn spinner has us lashed to the mast on anything that floats. The book leaves us buffeted, breathless and delighted. (Available as a Talking Book)

Melville, Herman. Moby Dick, or, The white whale. 7v 1851 APH
A classic of the sea, telling of the pursuit of Moby Dick, the white whale, who defied capture. In that wild, beautiful romance, Melville seems to have spoken the very secret of the sea, and to have drawn into his tale all the magic, all the sadness, all the wild joy of many waters. (Available as a Talking Book)

Mirsky, Jeanette. To the Arctic; the story of northern exploration from earliest times to the present. 4v 1934, 1948 HMP

The story of northern exploration, from the discovery of Britain in the fourth century B.C. to the flights over the Pole by Amundsen, Wilkins, and others. The book, which was first published in 1934 and quickly withdrawn to avoid a libel suit by the late Dr. Frederick A. Cook, has been reorganized and brought up to date.



Ostenso, Martha. Milk route. 3v 1948 APH
A cross section of life in a small midwestern town. It is made up of a group of sketches about the lives of the people who live on Ben Start's milk route. The story well reflects the current American mood of bewilderment and lack of sustained direction.

Palffy, Eleanor. Largely fiction. 3v 1948 CPH
Partly fact, partly fiction, the thread of continuous story in this book deals with
a Boston aristocrat who, on a visit to Paris, marries a Hungarian count and goes
to live in a middle-European castle.

Ray. Marie Beynon. How to conquer your handicaps. 3v 1948 CPH

Saxon, Lyle. Fabulous New Orleans. 3v 1928 CPH

A series of episodes, some colorful, some informative, which gives an impression-

A series of episodes, some colorful, some informative, which gives an impressionistic picture of the city in different periods. Something of the history of the French, Spanish and American dominations is included.

Stewart, George R. Fire. 3v 1948 BIA
This novel by the author of "Storm," which is also available in braille, relates
the life history of a great forest fire from its birth as the result of a lightning
stroke, through its obscure, puny infancy, to the days of its might and terror,
and its final defeat. Against this story of the fire itself are set glimpses of
the lives, hopes, fears and sorrows of the men and women who are called upon to
right it.

Teal, Mrs. Valentine. It was not what I expected. 2v 1948 APH Recollections of the experiences of bringing up four children. A pleasant book, written with a simple, secure pride in the job of being a mother.

### TALKING BOOKS

(These books are provided by the U.S. Government unless otherwise noted)

Bradley, David. No place to hide. 9r 1948 Read by Paul Clark APH An account of the experiments conducted by Joint Task Force One at Bikini in the summer of 1946. The author is a doctor who served a radiological monitor, which included testing surfaces for radioactivity by means of a Geiger counter. He stresses the aftermath of the explosion and the impossibility of escaping the consequences of the bomb, exploded or even partially exploded. (Available in braille at NY Gill.)

Donald, David. Lincoln's Herndon. 2 pts 25r 1948 Read by Walter Gerard APH A scholarly biography of William Herndon, the friend, law partner, and biographer of Abraham Lincoln. The author has done a superb job. His volume is scholarly without ever being dull, critical but not pedantic, as brilliant in analysis as it is colorful in narrative.

Helmericks, Constance, and Harmon Helmericks. Our summer with the Eskimos. 14r 1948 Read by Paul Clark APH Records the experiences of this young American husband and wife during a summer spent with the Eskimos on the edge of the Arctic. The authors maintain throughout their record an informal familiarity of style, portraying the happy, nonchalant Eskimos not as uncivilized aborigines, but as the Mr. Joneses and Mrs. Browns of our daily acquaintance.

Hume, Edward H. Doctors East, doctors West, an American physician's life in China. 14r 1946 Read by Paul Clark APH Far more than an American doctor's autobiography of his life in China, this engrossing book is the epitome of an era. Its pages hold the story of those years when westerners were beginning to try to understand Chinese medical thought and when China was beginning to recognize the need of the western approach to scientific medicine. It is, moreover, the story of the development at Changsa, in Hunan Province, or Yale-in-China-- of the Hsiangya enterprise, the name signifying the joint cooperative venture of Chinese and Americans to establish a university that would include a properly



equipped medical college, nurses' school, and hospital.

Lang, Daniel. Early tales of the atomic age. 14r 1948 Read by William Gladden APH Stories of the atomic bomb, telling how the enormous secret was kept until the first bombs were ready; what life was and is like at Oak Ridge, how the physicists who turned atomic energy loose now feel and about what followed and what they are doing; the planning that went into the Atomic Energy Commission; the search for caves in which certain security forces or industries might take refuge underground; what is going on today at Los Alamos or Brookhaven; and what inquiring rockets have told us about the higher altitudes to which they have traveled.

Merton, Thomas. The seven storey mountain. 2 pts 34r Read by Burt Blackwell APH Autobiography of a young American poet, who, after his conversion to Roman Catholicism, entered the Trappist monastery in Kentucky. The book is bracing in its realism, sincere, direct and challenging. A man who talks almost exclusively with God is no respecter of persons. Merton has a message for the world, for Catholics and non-Catholics alike. This message he has uttered with intelligence, ardor and art. "The Seven Storey Mountain" is a prolonged prayer as well as a great book. (Available in braille)

Sherwood, Robert E. Roosevelt and Hopkins. 5 pts 81r 1948 Read by the author and Kermit Murdock AFB

The author, who was a friend of both Roosevelt and Hopkins, has used some forty filing cases and papers left by the latter as a basis for this study. It is a study of Franklin D. Roosevelt himself—in many respects the most intimate and revealing that has yet appeared. It is a study of the actual operation of the American political and administrative system. It is, above all, a contribution to the history of the formation of the great coalition and the conduct of the war.

Smith, Dorothy, G. I capture the castle. 21r 1948 Read by Terry Hayes APH Purports to be the notebook of Cassandra Mortmains, describing the life of herself and her family in their ruinous English castle.

Trumbull, Robert. Silversides. 9r 1945 Read by Sam Gifford APH Describes in story form, using the real names of the submarines officer and crew, the U.S.S. "Silversides" adventures in the Pacific. The "Silversides" has a score of 60,000 tons of enemy shipping sunk, and 35,000 tons damaged.

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The mailing list of the "Braille Book Review" has not been checked in several years. We are therefore asking you to send a post card to the American Printing House for the Blind, 1839 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville 6, Kentucky, before May the first if you wish to have it continued.

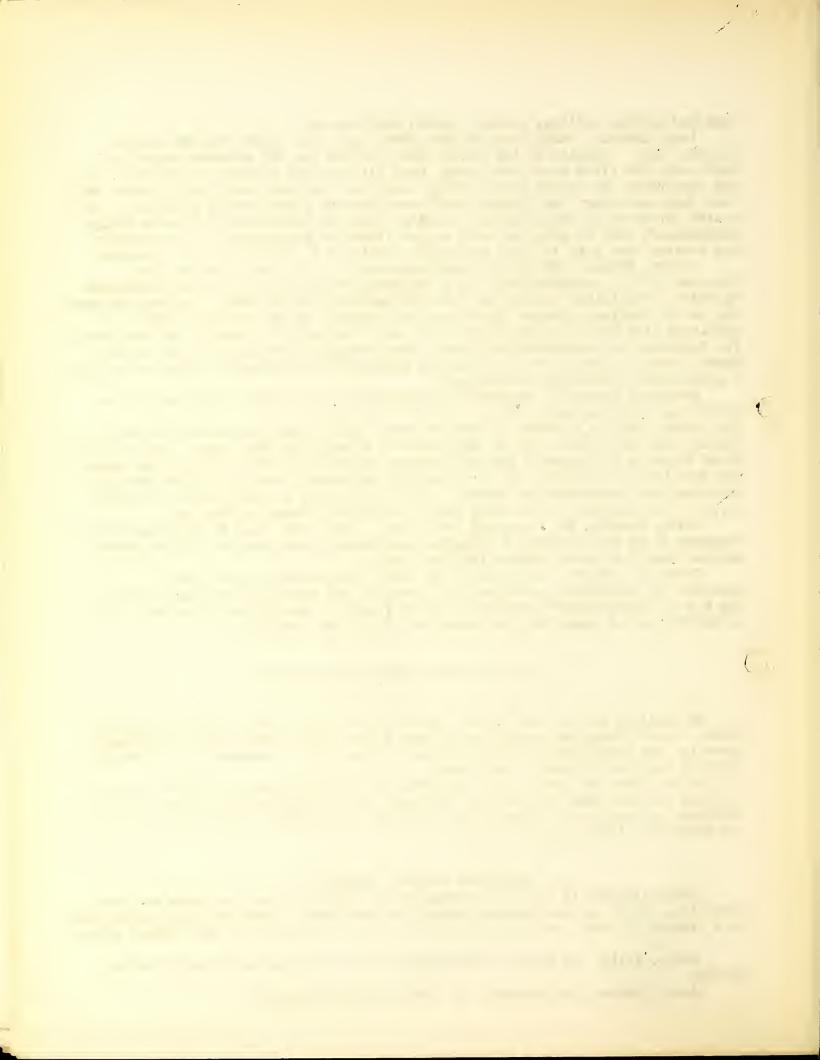
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### RELIGIOUS READING - BRAILLE

(Books financed by the U.S. Government are placed in the twenty-six regional libraries. Apply to your nearest library for such books. When the abbreviated name of a library follows a title, the book, as far as we know, is in that library alone.)

Adler, Felix. An ethical philosophy of life presented in its main outline 6v NYPL

Asch, Sholem. One destiny. lv HMP (U.S. Government)



Augustine, Saint. The confessions of Saint Augustine. 4v BIA (U.S.Government Baldwin, F.C. The homing instinct. lv NYPL

Bates, E.S. American faith; its religious, political and economic foundations.

5v CPH

Bergson, Henri. The two sources of morality and religion. (U.S. Government)

Bible. Complete. American standard revised version. 21v Grade  $1\frac{1}{2}$  BIA

Bible. Complete King James version. 20v Grade 1 APH

Bible. The four Gospels. Douay version. 4v Xavier (U.S.Government)

Bible. New Testament. My daily reading from the New Testament, using the new translation prepared under direction of Confraternity of Christian doctrine. 6v Xavier Bible. Old Testament. The story of the Apocrypha; translated by Edgar J. Goodspeed. lv APH (U.S. Government)

Book of Common Prayer, Collects, Epistles, and Gospels and the Service of the

Holy Communion. 2v APH

Breasted, J.H. The dawn of conscience. 4v BIA (U.S. Government) Brown, John. The history of the English Bible. lv NIB (In NYPL) Browne, Thomas. Hydriotaphia; or Urn burial. lv NIB (In NYPL) Browne, Sir Thomas. Religio medici. lv NIB (In NYPL) Calkins, Raymond. The modern message of the minor prophets. 3v CPH Cheney, Sheldon. Men who have walked with God. 5v APH (U.S. Government) Dewey, John. A common Faith. lv NYPL Dickens, Charles. The life of our Lord; written for his children. lv

(U.S. Government)

Discipleship compiled from the leaflets of the class in personal religion, The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, Mass. lv APH.

Eddy, Mary Baker. Science and health with key to the scriptures. 5v Grade 14

BIA

Easter; its history, celebration, spirit and significance, as related in prose and verse. 3v APH \$6.75

Filas, Francis L. The man nearest to Christ; nature and historic development devotion to St. Joseph. 2v Xavier

Finkelstein, Louis, and others. The religions of democracy; Judaism, Catholicism, Protestantism in creed and life. 3v APH (U.S. Government)

Fosdick, H.E. As I see religion. lv CPH (U. S. Government)
Fosdick, H.E. The hope of the world; twenty-five sermons on Christianity today. 2v CPH (U. S. Government)

Fosdick, H.E. The power to see it through. lv NYPL

Francesco, D'Assisi, Saint. Little flowers of St. Francis. 5v APH (U.S. Government)

Glover, T.R. The world of the New Testament. 2v APH

Goodspeed, Edgar J. Story of the Apocrypha. lv APH (U. S. Government)

Grenfell, W.T. What Christ means to me. lv NYPL

Grenfell, W.T. What the church means to me. lv APH

Hamilton, Edith. Witness to the truth; Christ and his interpreters. 2v CPH James, William. The varieties of religious experience; a study in human nature. 5v HMP

Jones, E. Stanley. The Christ of every road; a study of the Pentecost. 4v Grade 12 NYPL

Jones, E. Stanley. The Christ of the Indian road. 3v Grade 12 NYPL

Jones, E. Stanley. The way. 6v APH

Jones, E. Stanley. Christ of the American road. 2v CPH

Jones, Jessie O. Small rain; verses from the Bible. lv APH



Jones, Rufus M. Finding the trail of life. lv Grade 1 ABB (U.S.Government) Jones, Rufus M. The flowering of mysticism; the Friends of God in the fourteenth century. 3v HMP (U.S. Government) Jones, Rufus M. Pathways to the reality of God. 2v ABB (U.S. Government) Jones. Rufus M. The radiant life. 2v BIA (U.S. Government) Jones, Rufus M. Some problems of life. lv APH (U.S. Government) Jung, Carl G. Psychology and religion. 2v Grade 12 NYPL Kagawa, Toyohiko. Meditations on the Cross. 2v APH (U.S. Government) Keller, Helen. Let us have faith. lv APH Lawrence, Brother. The practice of the presence of God; being conversations and letters of Brother Lawrence. lv NYPL Lewis, C.S. The Screwtape letters. lv CPH (U.S. Government) Link, H.C. The return to religion. lv HMP (U.S. Government) McKee, E. McN. What use is religion. 2v BIA (U.S. Government) Manning, William T. Be strong in the Lord. 3v NYPL Martin, A. W. Comparative religion and the religion of the future. 2v NYPL Micklem, E. R. A book on the Bible for everyman. 2v NIB Morrison.A.C. Man does not stand alone. lv APH Gift from the John Milton Society to all libraries. Morton, H.C. V. Women of the Bible. lv HMP Nervig, Casper B. Christian truth and religious delusions. 3v Grade 1 APH Newman, Cardinal. The dream of Gerontius. lv NIB Noyes, Alfred. The unknown God. 3v NIB Osler, William. Science and immortality. 1v ABB (U.S. Government) Perry, Bishop James de Wolf, editor. Christ the King, by various authors. 2v APH (U.S. Government. Robertson, A. T. A harmony of the Gospels for students of the life of Christ. 5v BIA (U.S. Government) Royden, Maude. Here and hereafter. 2v BIA (U.S. Government) Sockman, R. W. Live for tomorrow. lv APH (U.S. Government) Stamp, Sir Josiah. Christianity and economics. 2v APH (U.S. Government) Swedenborg, Emanuel. The church, selections from his writings. lv NYPL Swedenborg, Emanuel. Consummation of the age; excerpts from the true Christian religion. lv NYPL Swedenborg, Emanuel. The doctrine of life for the New Jerusalem, from the ten commandments. Grade 12 lv NYPL Swedenborg, Emanuel. The doctrine of the New Jerusalem concerning the Holy Scriptures. 2v Grade 1 NYPL Swedenborg, Emanuel. God the creator, first chapter of the true Christian religion. 4v Grade 1 Gift from Swedenborg Foundation to all libraries. Swedenborg, Emanuel. Heaven and its wonders and hell. 5v BIA Swedenborg, Emanuel. The divine love and wisdom. 5v NYPL

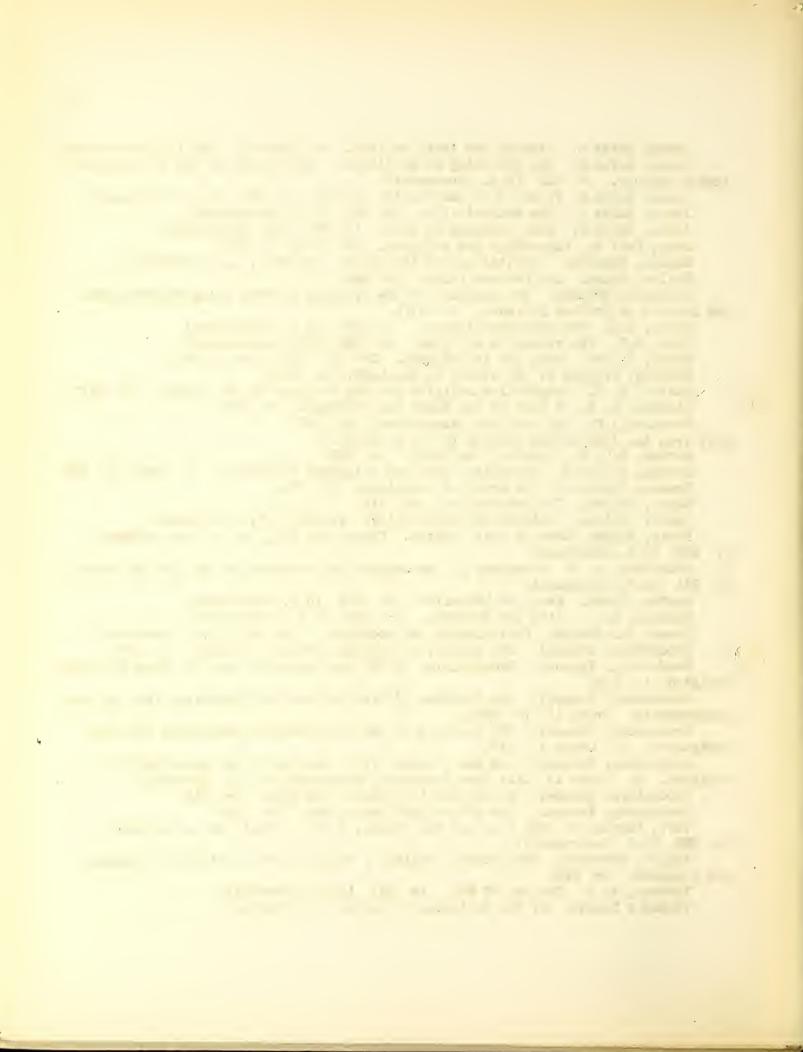
Taylor, Sherwood. The fourfold vision; a study of the relations of science and religion. 2v NIB

Terhune, A. P. The Son of God. lv BIA (U.S. Government)

Thomas a Kempis. Of the Imitation of Christ. 2v Xavier

lv CPH (U.S. Government)

Taft, Charles P. Why I am for the church; talks on religion and politics.



# RELIGIOUS READING -- TALKING BOOKS (These books are from the U.S.Government unless otherwise indicated)

Bates, E. S. Biography of the Bible, a brief account of its character, authorship, text, translation and influence on the evolution of mankind. 7 r 1937 AFB

Bible. King James version. 169r AFB

Bible. New Testament. Douay version. St. Matthew; St. Mark. &r AFB St. Luke; Acts. 13r AFB

Browne, Lewis. This believing world; a simple account of the great religions of mankind. 16r 1926 AFB

By an unknown disciple. 2r 1919 AFB

Written in the form of another gospel, as though the writer had been an eye witness.

Caiger, Stephen L. Bible and spade; an introduction to Biblical archaeology.

11r 1936 AFB

Chase, Mary Ellen. The Bible and the common reader. 23r 1944 AFB Cheney, S.W. Men who have walked with God. 37r AFB

Drummond, Henry. Greatest thing in the world. 2r 1934 AFB

Eddy, Mary Baker. Science and health: Preface and first chapter. 2r AFB Provided under the will of Mary Baker Eddy

Eddy, Mary Baker. Stretch forth thy hand. 1r AFB

Gift of the Christian Science Publishing Society.

Eddy, Mary Baker The truth about adversity -- I see. Ir AFB Gift of Christian Science Publishing Society

Goodspeed, E. J. How to read the Bible. 17r AFB

Goodspeed, E. J. Paul. 15r APH

Gore, Bishop Charles. Jesus of Nazareth. 10r 1929 AFB Jones, Rufus. New eyes for invisibles. 9r 1943 APH

Keller, Helen. Let us have faith. 3r 1940 AFB

Lewis, Clive S. The screwtape letters. 7r 1942 AFB

As a literary device, the author impersonates a shrewd old devil in hell who writes letters of encouragement and instruction to a less experienced imp who is going to and fro upon the earth.

Morton, Henry C. Women of the Bible. 7r 1941 APH Osler, Sir William. Man's redemption of man. 3r AFB

Perry, Ralph Barton. The hope of immortality. 2r 1945 APH

Rice, Alice Hegan. Happiness road. 5r 1942 APH

Sperry, Willard. Religion in the postwar world. 30r 1945 AFB
In four volumes: Vol. I--Religion and our divided denominations; Vol. II--Religion of soldier and sailor; Vol. III-- Religion and our racial tension; Vol. IV--Religion

and education.

Taft, Charles P. Why I am for the Church; a group of talks on religion and politics. 1947 APH

Thomas a Kempis The Imitation of Christ BOOKS I, II, III. 6r AFB

# WILLIAM MAXWELL Taken from "Wilson Library Bulletin"

A"Saturday Review" writer, commenting om William Maxwell's "Time Will Darken It," observes that the book will "put an end to the impression that most American small towns in the early part of the century were potential torture chambers." Mr. Maxwell, as his books show, gained no such gloomy impression from his small-town boyhood. He says cheerfully that he was born just in time to see the last of the horse and buggy era, and that he would not willingly have missed it.

His town was Lincoln, Illinois, his birthday August 16,1908. His parents, William Keepers Maxwell and Eva Blinn Maxwell, were of old American stock long settled in New England, Virginia and Kentucky. Mr. Maxwell and his two brothers grew up in the

pleasant little town with its courthouse square and tree-shaded streets. The mother died when young William was only ten. He attended the local high school, where his

first story was published in the school magazine.

When he was forteen the family moved to Chicago. Mr. Maxwell speaks gratefully of his teachers at Nicholas Senn High School, who helped him to an appreciation of books, music and painting. Another formative influence was his friendship with Zona Gale and her circle. While he was growing up and afterward, the boy spent several summer vacations on a farm near Portage, Wisconsin, Miss Gale's home. "I am only beginning," he writes, "to understand how much in the way of literary taste and craftsmanship I received from her."

He went on from Senn to the University of Illinois, taking his A.B. there in 1930. Along with the degree came an impressive collection of prizes, one of them a Harvard scholarship. After a year in Cambridge he returned to Illinois University as an English instructor. From there he went to an editorial post on the "New Yorker,"

which he filled for ten years.

Mr. Maxwell has done, and still does, book reviewing for the "Herald Tribune," the "Times," "New Yorker," "Saturday Review of Literature," and the New York "Sun." His short stories have appeared in the "New Yorker," "Atlantic," "Harper's," and

other magazines.

William Maxwell, brown eyed and brown haired, tall and slender, lives with his wife, Emily, in Yorktown Heights, New York. He enjoys gardening and swimming, and describes himself as home-loving. Among his favorite authors are Virginia Woolf, E.M. Forster, and T.S. Eliot. He does some reviewing and editing, and is hard at work on his next novel.

Editor's note: Among this author's books the following are available in braille or as Talking Books:

"The Folded Leaf" is in 3 volumes published by HMP and in 16 records recorded by AFB. Edmund Wilson, of the "New Yorker," says this is more moving and more absorbing than any of the romantic melodramas which have been stimulated by the war.

"They Came Like Swallows" is in braille, hand-copied in Cincinnati, Detroit, LC, NYPL. It is a reminiscence of family life, very intimate and pathetic and very delightful.

FRANCES AND RICHARD LOCKRIDGE
Taken from "Twentieth Century Authors"

Richard Lockridge, American drama critic and novelist, was born in St. Joseph Missouri, and was educated at the Kansas City Junior College and the University of Missouri. His studies were interrupted by a year in the United States Navy. In 1921 and 1922 he was a reporter on the Kansas City "Kansan;" then, after a few months on the Kansas City "Star," he went to New York, and for six years was a reporter on the "Sun." After 1928, he became the "Sun's" drama critic, and also maintained a sort of loose editorial connection with the "New Yorker" magazine from time to time.

In 1922 Richard Lockridge married Frances Louise Davis, who is his collaborator in the charming and delightful mystery stories centering around his characters, Mr. and Mrs. North, who first appeared (with one literary parent) as a series of stories in the "New Yorker." So successful was this combination of murder and domesticity that the Norths were made into a play by Owen Davis, which appeared on the New York stage in 1941 and was later sold to Hollywood.

Mr. Lockridge is a versatile author. He writes extensively—and lectures as wellon the theatre; he is a master of the "New Yorker" type of sketch; and besides the
stories and novels about the Norths, he has written a definitive and exhaustive biography of the tragedian, Edwin Booth. He has grace and wit, and though he is hardly
likely to confine himself to mystery stories, he and his wife can be counted among the
select few who appeal to the general reader and to the more intellectual enthusiasts of
that genre. As a drama critic his judgement is reliable and his style entertaining.
But his forte is as a writer of the loosely

woven sketch which is the contemporary equivalent of the familiar essay, and of the half-plotless short story which is really a study of character and a depiction of personality. If there is such a thing, he may be called the typical "New Yorker" contributor.

Mr. and Mrs. Lockridge live in downtown New York, on the edge of Greenwich Village -- as do the Norths. Mr. Lockridge plays a good game of tennis, as does Gerald North.

Editor's Note: The following books by Richard and Frances Lockridge are available in braille and as Talking Books:

> Lockridge, Richard and G.H. Estabrooks. Death in the Mind. 15r APH Lockridge, Richard and Frances Lockridge, Richard and Frances Lockridge, Richard

Lockridge, Richard and Frances

Killing the Goose The Norths Meet Murder 2v BIA Mr and Mrs. North 3v LC Sacramento Think of Death 3v APH

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Bax, Roger. The trouble with murder. 4v 1948 NYPL Detective story Charteris, Leslie. Prelude for var. 6v Philadelphia Fiction Cohen, Octavius R. More beautiful than murder. 4v 1948 NY Guild Detective story

Deleeuw, Adele. Clay fingers. 3v 1948 NYPL Vocational story for junior and sendor high school girls. It tells the story of Laura Carpenter who learned to work in clay to while away time during the year she had to stay out of college and of the success she made of her avocation.

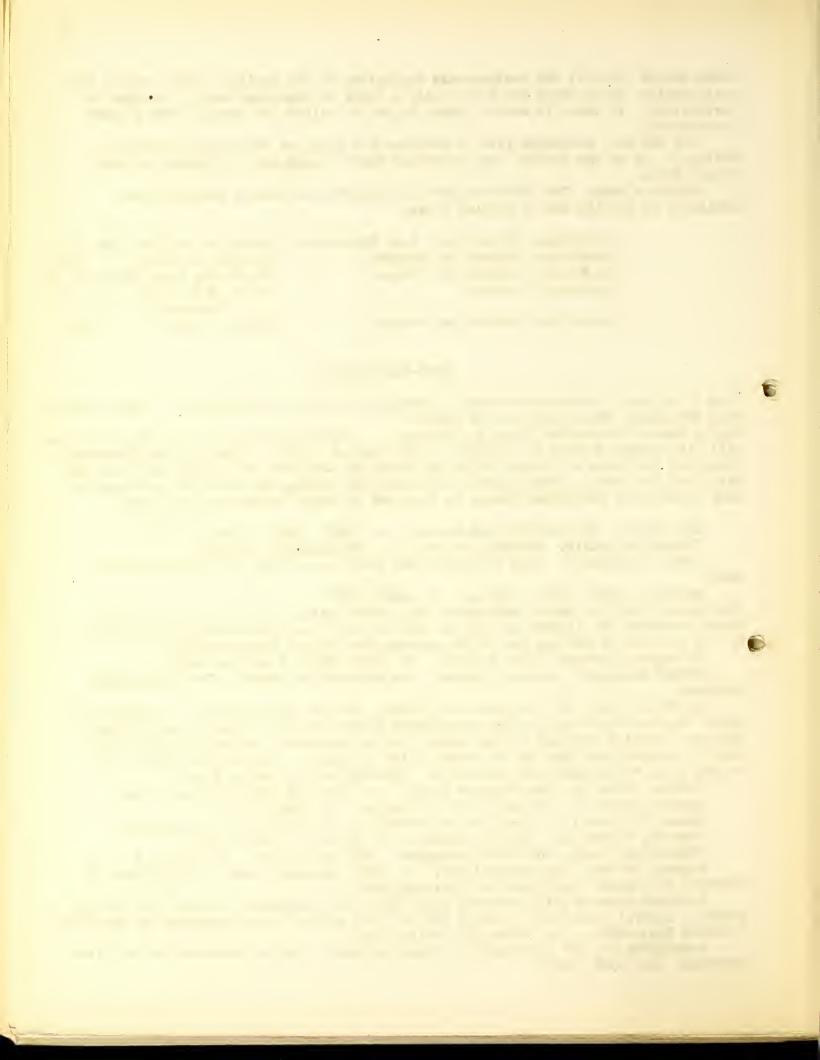
Ellington, Richard. It's a crime. 3v 1948 NYPL Detective story German language: Jackson, Eugene. New approach to German. 7v Philadelphia Textbook

Gilbreth, F.B., Jr., and Mrs. E.M. Carey. Cheaper by the dozen. 3v 1949 NY Guild In this "Life with Father and Mother" Father was the famous industrial engineer who invented time and motion study. In collaboration with Mother, Father had twelve children, and this is the story of two of them, of what it was like to be raised in an "efficiency run" household. (Available as a Taking Book)

Gooden, Arthur H. The shadowed trail. 3v 1946 NY Guild Western story Hendryz, James B. On the rim of the Arctic. 3v 1948 NYPL James, Clifford L. Principles of economics, 8v Grade 1 Philadelphia Johnson, Eleanor M. Onward, America. 3v Grade 1 Philadelphia McNaughton, Frank, and Walter Hehmeyer. This man Truman. 3v NY Guild Nathan, Robert. The sea-gull cry. 2v 1922 Recently added to NYPL; also LC, Chicago, Cleveland (Available as a Talking Book)

National service life insurance act, 1940, with amendments through 1946 and appendix. Excerpt from Second revenue act of 1950; by U.S. House Committee on World War Veterans Legislation. lv Grade la Philadelphia

Pennington, Jo. The importance of being rhythmic, with an introduction by Walter Damrosch. 2v 1925 NYPL



Roy, Gabrielle. The tin flute 6v 1947 NY Guild
The story of a large Canadian-French family, living in the poverty-stricken St.
Henri quarter of Montreal. It is especially the love story of Florentine, the older est child of the Lecasse family, who starts out as a waitress at Woolworth's.

(Available as a Talking Book)

Smith, J. R. and M. O. Phillips. Industrial and commercial geography. 7v

Philadelphia

Spanish language: Castillo, Carlos and Colley Sparkman. Sigamos leyendo 3v Philadelphia Textbook

Spanish language: Crow, J. A. Spanish American life. 8v Philadelphia

Textbook

Spanish language: Crow, John A. Cuentos hispanicos, with vocabulary. 6v Philadelphia Textbook



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Austen, Jane. Sense and sensibility. 4v 1811 APH
Satire directed against mere commonplace foolishness. Two sisters of differing temperaments are contrasted. (Available as a Talking Book)

Bacon, Dolores. Operas every child should know; description of the text and music of some of the most famous masterpieces. 4v 1911 APH (Not a publication of the U.S. Government)

Beck, Mrs. Lily Adams. The story of Oriental philosophy. 4v 1928 A?H A simplified summary for the general reader. The book deals chiefly with the philosophic systems of the great sages of India and China, but contains also a chapter each on Tibet, Persia and Japan.

Blake, Forrester. Johnny Christmas. 3v 1948 APH Novel of the western frontier between the years 1836 and 1845. It is the story of the growing up of Johnny Christmas, and pictures life on the plains of Texas, in the Central Rockies, and along the Spanish trail to California. (Available as a Talking Book)

Booth, Edward Townsend. Country life in America, as lived by ten presidents of the United States. Av 1947 CPH
Collection of sketches presenting ten of our presidents from colonial days to the time of Calvin Coolidge. Contents: John Adams; New England freehold. George Washington; Tidewater plantation. Thomas Jefferson; Piedmont villa. Andrew Jackson; the cotton and the corn. Martin Van Buren at Lindenwald. William Henry Harrison; Ohio alluvial. James Buchanan; Wheatland. Abraham Lincoln; backwoods farm boy. Theodore Roosevelt; rancher and country gentleman. Calvin Coolidge; Vermont rockmaple.

Burch, Gladys. Famous composers for young people. 2v Grade  $l_2^{\frac{1}{2}}$  1945 APH (Not a publication of the U. S. Government)

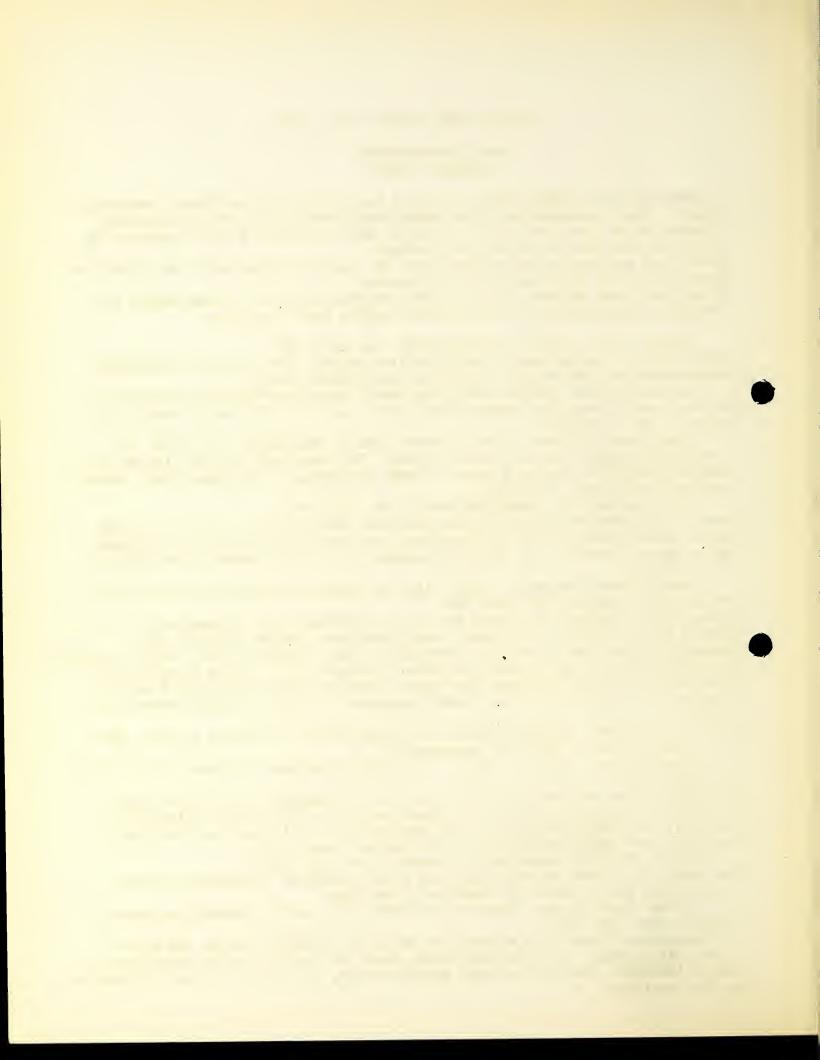
Case, Victoria, and R. O. Case. We called it culture; the story of Chautauqua.
3v 1948 APH

A history of the American institution known as Chautauqua, from its early days on the shoes of Chautauqua Lake, to the days when towns all over the United States had their traveling Chautauquas. This movement reached its peak in 1924 when it is estimated that 30,000 people visited the various Chautauquas.

Chase, Virginia, pseudonym. Discovery. 4v 1948 APH
The story of a matron who was saved from a near breakdown by volunteer services after family duties ceased to absorb her whole time.

Crabb, Alfred Leland. Home to the Hermitage; a novel of Andrew and Rachel Jackson. 4v 1948 CPH
Historical novel made up of episodes in the lives of Andrew Jackson and his beloved wife, Rachel. The first episode is about their arrival at the Hermitage, nearly bankrupt. The last is about Rachel's death, just before Jackson's accession

to the presidency.



Cross, Donzella. Music stories for girls and boys. 2v Grade  $1\frac{1}{2}$  1926 APH (Not a publication of the U. S. Government)

Davis, William Stearns. Friend of Caesar; a tale of the fall of the Roman Empire, time 50-47 B.C. 5v 1900 HMP

Adventures of a friend of Julius Caesar in the period 51-40 B.C. Caesar and Anthony and Cleopatra are introduced, together with the crossing of the Rubicon and the battle of Pharsalia.

Fitt. Mary. Death on Heron's mere. 4v 1948 Panda #125 NIB Detective story. (Not a publication of the U. S. Government)

Hawthorne, Nathaniel. Twice-told tales. 5v 1837 BIA

A collection of short stories by one of the greatest American literary figures of the nineteenth century. His work is marked by the use of symbolism and allegory.

Jacoby, Oswald. Gin rummy. 2v 1947 APH

Lecomte, du Nouy, Pierre. Human destiny. 3v 1947 HMP Dr. du Nouy, who was an associate of Dr. Alexis Carrell, attacks materialism and enthrones man as a goal that creation, specifically evolution, sought to achieve. Whereupon, he pleads with men to utilize the spiritual powers with which he has been endowed to save himself from inevitable disaster. Neither the plea nor the argument is wholly new, but both are presented with an eloquence and a sincerity that cannot fail to impress. New York Times. (Available as a Talking Book.)

Lin Yutang. Gay genius; the life and times of Su Tungpo. 6v 1947 APH Biography of Su Tungpo (1036-1101), one of the greatest men of the classical Chinese civilization. Not only was he a poet; he was also a painter, magistrate, engineer,

writer, philosopher, alchemist and public health authority.

Marek, George R. A front seat at the opera. 3v 1948 CPH The author wrote cheerful little essays on various aspects of the opera-music, composers, librettists, singers, theaters, conductors, audineces--since 1942. This book is largely a collection of these essays. The connecting tissue is the opera.

Maupassant, Guy de. Second odd number; thirteen tales. lv BIA Contents: Tony. Decorated. Colonel's idea. Jewels. Fear. Two friends. Relics of the past. Question of diplomacy. Mademoiselle Perle. Madman. Homecoming. Passion. Gravewalkers.

Miller, Max. The town with the funny name. 2v 1948 APH (Not a publication of the U. S. Government)

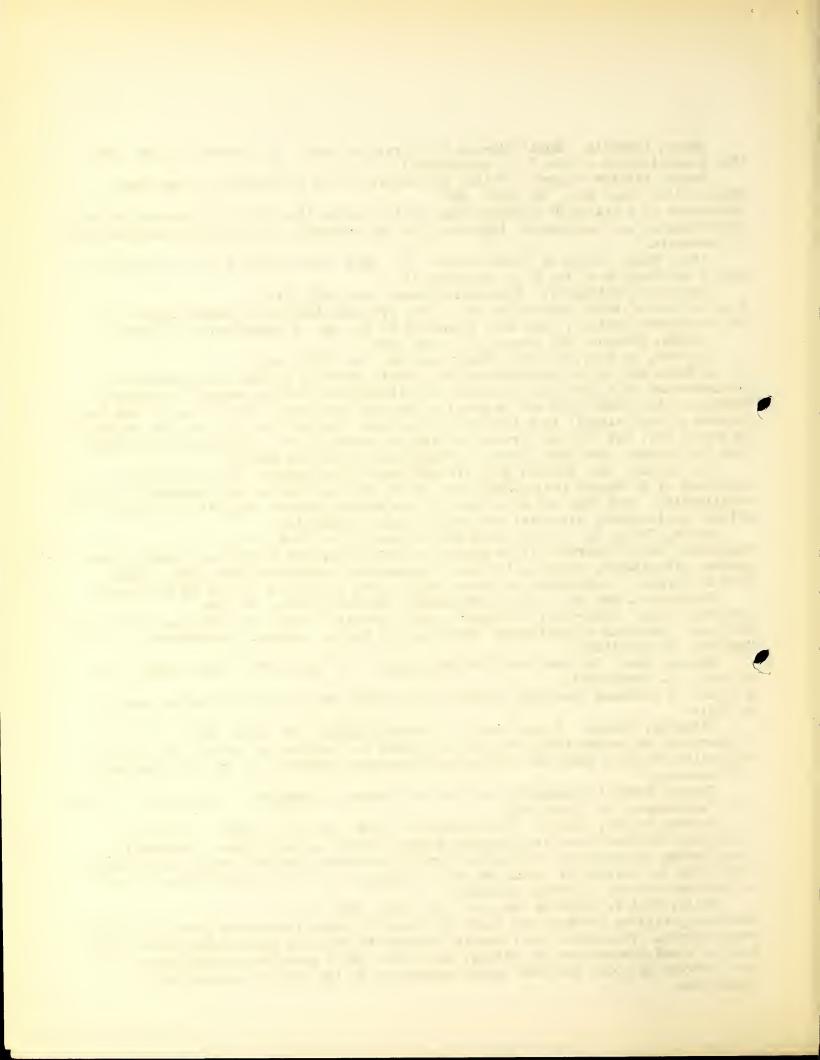
A volume of sketches about the author's life around the California coastal town of La Jolla.

Stimpson, George. A book about a thousand things. 9v 1946 APH In question and answer form, this book explains the origins and meaning of a wide collection of words which the author has discovered during his years as a Washington correspondent.

Thomas, Henry (pseudonym), and Dana Lee Thomas (pseudonym). Life stories of the great inventors. 3v 1948 CPH

Weaver, Warren, editor. The scientists speak. 5v 1947 APH Righty-one American scientists present modern science to the laymen. Originally given during intermissions in the New York Philharmonic Symphony broadcasts. Essays range from the science of earth and sky, through new materials and discoveries to science and the war. Library Journal.

White, Paul W. News on the air. 5v 1947 APH Informally written textbook for those who wish to become radio news broadcasters and commentators. The author was formerly director of news and public affairs for CBS. Besides sound instruction in writing, the author gives some interesting history of news service by radio and some expert guesses as to the future, especially of television.



Wilder, Walter Beebe. Grandfather versus Peru. 3v 1948 APH Humorous account of the author's travels in Peru with his eccentric grandfather. This book will do more for the Good Neighbor policy than visiting emissaries in striped trousers or military tunics.

Wilkinson, Burke. Proceed at vill. 3v 1948 APH

A thriller about a young Englishman with a hyperthyroid appetite for danger who, a few days before the allied invasion of Normandy, does his bit toward making the operation a success by venturing forth in a midget submarine and personally blowing up a German battleship. New Yorker.

Wilson, Ernest C. The great physician. Published by Unity School of Chris-

tianity. lv CPH (Not a publication of the U.S. Government)

#### Talking Books

(These books are provided by the U.S. Government unless otherwise noted)

Bible: New Testament. Thessalonians to Revelations. 10r Read by Alexander Scourby. AFB These are recorded on ten-inch records.

Blankfort, Michael. The big Yankee, the life of Carlson of the Raiders, 2pts

25r 1947 Read by William Gladden APH

Life story to date of Evans F. Carlson, the New England minister's son, who became commander of Carlson's Raiders, and who applied his lessons on religion and democrat-

ic principles in a practical way.

Cather, Willa. The song of the lark. 2 pts 28r 1943 Read by Kate McComb AFB follows the development of a crude Swedish girl from her childhood in a Colorado desert town to her success as a great opera singer. A story reproducing faithfully and with great naturalness character as developed in places and situations which are distinctively American. Cleveland.

Cobb, Irvin S. Judge Priest turns detective. 15r 1936 Read by Morris

Fleurnoy APH

Two short novels without individual titles about the Kentucky judge who solves two crimes and rescues two young women in no more space than most detectives require for one.

Crockett, Lucy H. Popcorn on the Ginza, an informal portrait of postwar

Japan. 15r 1949 Read by Terry Hayes APH

The experiences of American Red Cross worker who spent eighteen months in Japan. In the course of the book, she discusses such matters as the economic crisis, labor problems, over-population, the distribution of food, and the Japanese reaction to Western customs.

French language: Balzac, Honore de. Eugenie Grandet. 15r 1833 Read by Robert Franc AFB

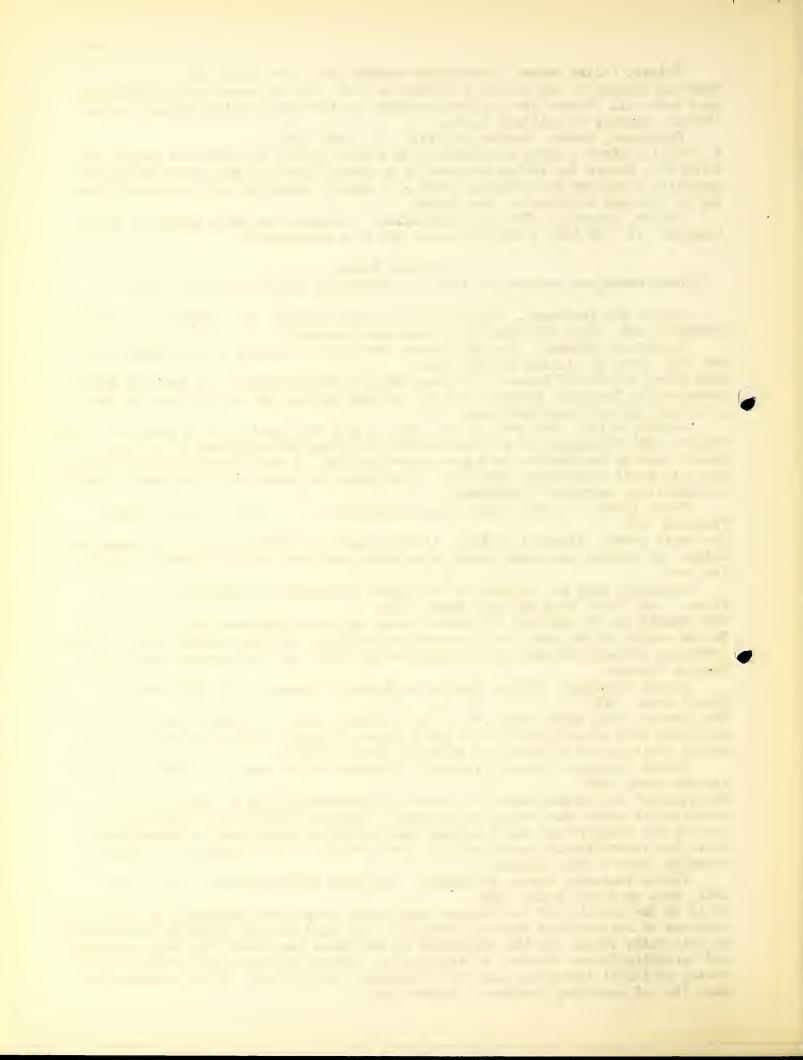
The author's best known work. It is the pathetic story of a gentle and long-suffering girl sacrificed first to her father's inhuman avarice, and then to the brutal indifference of lover and husband. Pratt Alcove.

French language: Daudet, Alphonse. Tartarin de Tarascon. 7r 1872 Read by Jacques Dancy AFB

Extravaganza satirizing Daudet's provincial compatriots with a geniality and an irresistible gusto that remove any offense. Tartarin, with an incorrigible propensity for exaggeration and bragging, sets out on an expedition to Algeria to prove his reputation for valor and resource, and meets with adversaries as monstrous as those of Don Quixote.

French language: Dumas, Alexandre. Les trois mousquetaires. 3 pts. 50r 1844 Read by Robert Franc AFB

Tells of the exploits of four heroes from youth to age, and presenting a magnificent panorama of contemporary history (1672-71). The feud between Richelieu and Anne of Austria bulks large, and the adventures of the three guardsmen with their redoubtable and versatile Gascon comrade, d'Artagnan, are intimately connected with affairs of state, political intrigue, court life, duelling and fighting, which provide a cease less flow of absorbing incident. Baker's Best.



French language: Flaubert, Gustave. Madame Bovary. 2 pts 27r 1857 Read by Robert Franc AFB

Perhaps the most perfect work of realistic art in any language; a faithful and infinitely painstaking interpretation of actual life. It is a plain history of the slow but inevitable moral degeneration of a weak woman. The passionless candor of the narrative, the patient rendering of the squalor and narrowness of provincial life and of its effect on the woman's mind make this a landmark in the history of naturalism. Baker's Best.

French language: Flaubert, Gustave. Un coeur simple for Read by Robert Franc AFB Short story.

French language: Madame de Lafayette. La princesse de Cleves. 12r 1678 Read by Robert Franc AFB

A famous psychological novel, occupying an important position in the history of vorld literature. Originally published in 1678, its characters are taken almost entirely from well-known men and vomen of the Louis XIV period, but nominally, it deals with the Court of Henri II, mid-sixteenth century.

French language: Merimee, Prosper. Carmen. 5r 1853 Read by Robert Franc

"Carmen," first published in England in 1887, is well known from Bizet's opera which is founded on it. The tale is pure romance, the method calmly realistic, and it is a masterpiece of pure objective art. The scenery and costumes of Spain add to its picturesque qualities.

French language: Petite anthologie de la poesia francaise. 10r Read by Robert Franc AFB Anthology of French poetry.

French language: Prevost, L'Abbe. Manon Lescaut. 13r Read by Robert Franc

In "Manon Lescaut," a young student of theology becomes infatuated with a young woman, a courtesan by nature, and gives up his career to live with her. He is separated from her by his father. Later, he sees her about to be transported to Louisiana, and forsakes all to accompany her thither. She dies, and he lies upon her grave to await death from which welcome end he is saved to pass his life in sadness.

French language: Voltaire, Francois M.A. de, Candide. 7r 1759 Read by Jean Daneveure. AFB

A series of absurdly harrowing incidents written with the purpose of satirizing the optimistic creed that all is for the best of all possible worlds.

Hagedorn, Herman. Prophet in the wilderness, the story of Albert Schweitzer. llr 1947 Read by Jean Clos APH

A biography of Dr. Schweitzer, who held degrees in theology, philosophy, music and medicine, when he went to central Africa to doctor the natives. A splendid interpretation of the life and work of this remarkable man, and it should have a wide reading, both because of the man portrayed and the significance of his message for our day.

Hewlett, Maurice. The life and death of Richard Yea-and-Nay. 20r 1900 Read by Morris Fleurnoy APH

An imaginative and dramatic novel of Richard Coeur de Lion. Departs from strict accuracy in the record of events.

Ives, Burl. Yayfaring stranger; an autobiography. 12r 1948 Read by Morris Fleurnoy APH

Known to radio fans, Burl Ives undoubtedly has done a good deal towards popularizing folk music of America. Here he tells his own story.

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Jones, E. Stanley. Mahatma Gandhi, an interpretation. 13r 1948 Read by Paul Clark APH

Not a life, but an exposition of the principles which the Mahatma taught and by which he lived. Not a Christian, nevertheless his life closely followed Christ's example. His practice of nonviolent resistance, of suffering for the sins of others and of forgiving his ebemies was truly Christ-like. Much concerning India's struggle for independence is incidentally included. But the purpose of this book is a eulogy of Gandhi's teachings, and upon them is based a sermon calling for the spirit of Christ as the world's only hope for peace. Library Journal.

Laing, Alexander. The Sea Witch. 2 pts. 34r 1933 Read by Kenneth Meeker

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The narrative of the experiences of Captain Roger Murray and others in an American clipper ship during the years 1846-56. The background of this semi-historical tale of the sea is the history of a real ship. The story tells of the three brothers who served on the ship and of the love of two of them for the same woman.

Mann, William M. Ant hill odyssey. 20r 1948 Read by Walter Gerard APH An account of the formative years in the life of a renowned entomologist. Beginning with a description of his state of mind at the age of four, when he first realized that insects were to mean more to him than they do to most people, the author recounts how he followed his star, more or less on his hands and knees, across many countries.

Moore, Ruth. The fire balloon. 2 pts 23r 1948 Read by George Patterson APH A story of life in a Maine coast fishing village in the summer of 1947. It affirms the significance of loving and, like the coast, looks out toward wide horizons.

Mowbray, Albert H. Insurance, its theory and practice in the United States.

3 pts 48r 1946 Read by Milton Metz APH

Pretorius, P. J. Jungle man, an autobiography. 14r 1948 Read by Paul Clark

Life story of an African big game hunter. At sixteen, the author left his father's South African farm and began his adventurous career.

#### BOOKS ON GARDENING, FARMING AND RELATED SUBJECTS AVAILABLE IN BRAILLE

(Books financed by the U. S. Government are placed in the 26 regional libraries. Apply to your nearest library for such books. When the abbreviated name of a library follows a title, the book, so far as we know, is in that library only.)

Abbott, D. T. The indoor gardener. 2v Grade 12 NYPL

Allen. Our cereal grains. 3v Grade 1 APH \$7.50

Allen. Cotton and other useful fibers. 3v Grade 1; APH \$7.50

Atkins, E.W. How to succeed with bees; more than 190 successful plans to produce big crops of honey. lv BIA (U.S. Government)

Bailey, L.H. The harvest of the year to the tiller of the soil. Grade  $1\frac{1}{3}$  BIA (U. S. Government)

Black, W. H. Beef production on the farm; U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Farmer's Bulletin. lv APH (U. S. Government)

Brewster, K. L. The little garden for little money. 3v LC

Bromfield, Louis. Pleasant Valley. 3v CPH (U. S. Covernmen t

Buley. Using crop residue for soil defense. LC

Burbank, Luther. Partner of nature. 2v HWP (U. S. Government)

Cobb, Ernest. Garden steps; a manual for the amateur in vegetable gardening.

Coutant, F. R. The ABC of goat dairying. 2v NYPL

Dies, E. J. Soybeans; gold from the soil. 2v NYPL

Dobie, J. F. The longhorns. 4v APH (U. S. Government)

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Downing and Price. Ploughing for terrace maintenance in the south. lv LC Driffits, Stubble-mulch farming. lv LC Faulkner, E. H. Plovman's folly. 3v NYPL

Farthing, F. H. Saturday in my garden; a practical guide to cultivation of small gardens, with hints on care and management. 5v NYPL

Foley, D. J. Annuals for your garden. lv NYPL

Follett, Muriel. New England year; a journal of Vermont farm life. 2v APH (U. S. Government)

Food and nutrition. 2v APH \$5.00

Giles, Dorothy. The little kitchen garden. 3v LC

Hader. Green and gold; the story of the banana. 25 pages. Grade 13 APH 30

Harris. Everyday foods; revised edition. 10v APH \$27.50

Harris, Evelyn. Farming vithout money. Oklahoma City. Hottes, A. G. editor. My garden helper. 3v APH

Howard, R. W. Two billion acre farm. 4v NYPL

Lord, Russell. Men of earth. 4v AB (U. S. Government)

McDonald, Angus H. Old McDonald had a farm. 3v APH (U. S. Government)

McFarland, Horace. Roses and how to grow them. 3v LC

Major vorld soil groups and some of their graphic implications. N.Y. Guild

Meade, J. R. Bouquets and bitters; a gardener's medley. 4v NYPL

Morrison, Gordon. Quick freezing and family food gardening. 3v 1948 NYPL Ogden, S. R. How to grow food for your family. 2v APH (U.S. Government)

Peattie, Donald C. This flowering earth. 2v BIA (U. S. Government) Petersham. Story book of foods from the field; wheat, corn, rice, sugar.

lv Grade 15 APH \$1.75

Platt, Rutherford. Our flowering world. 3v BIA (U. S. Government) Rommel, G. M. Essentials of animal breeding; U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Farmers' Bulletin. lv APH (U. S. Government)

Sheets, E. W. The beef calf, its growth and development; U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. Farmers' bulletin. lv APH (U. S. Government)

Street, A. G. Farmers' glory. 3v NYPL

Tabor, Grace. The loose-leaf gardener. 2v APH (U. S. Government)
Teller, W. M. The farm primer; a manual for the beginner and part time farmer. 3v APH (U. S. Government)

Tewalt, W I. Improved milk goats. lv NYPL

Truth about the soil. lv Perkins

Ward, F. K. The romance of plant hunting. 2v CPH (U. S. Government)

Warner, A. B. Gardening by myself. 2v Grade 1 NYPL

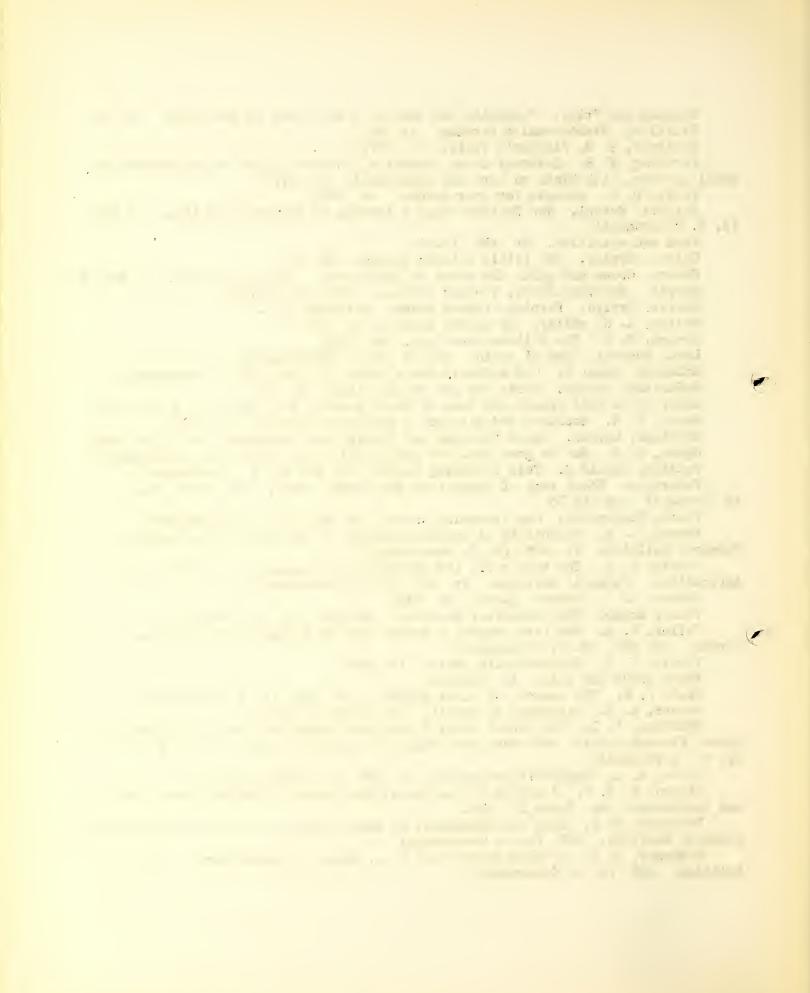
Washburn, f. L. The rabbit book; a practical manual on the care of Belgian hares, Flemish grants, and other meat and fur producing rabbits. lv APH (U. S. Government)

Watts, R. L. Vegetable gardening. 5v APH (U. S. Government)

Wilson, H. V. P. A garden in the house; the culture of bulbs, house plants and terraniums. 2v Grade 12 NYPL

Woodward, T. E. Care and management of dairy cows; U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Farmers' bulletin. APH (U. S. Government)

Woodward, T. E. Feeding dairy cows; U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. Farmers' bulletin. APH (U. S. Government)



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Bromfield, Louis. Pleasant Valley. 22r
Damon, Mrs. B. A sense of humus. 14r
Greenberg, D. B. So you're going to buy a farm? 8r
Howard, R. W. Two billion acre farm. 17r
Nissley, C. H. Home vegetable gardening. 16r
Sears, P. B. Deserts on the march. 10r

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#### A Correction

A hand-copied book, the "Incredible Crosby," by Barry Ulanov, is owned by The New York Public Library and not by the New York Guild as stated in a recent issue of this magazine.

#### Hand-copied Books

This is a list of hand-copied books recently reported by the libraries. Unless otherwise indicated, these books are in Grade 2. How to locate hand-copied books in libraries: Following each title in this list, you will find either a group of initials or the name of a city. These are the abbreviations for the names of libraries for the blind and indicate the library in which you will find the book. A key to these abbreviations, giving the names and addresses of each library and publishing house, is included in every January and

Benning, Nina L. Pit pony. 2v Grade 12 1947 Chicago

A Welsh boy and a pony he loved are the chief characters in this story for grades four to eight.

Beals, Frank L. The rush for gold. 3v Grade 1 Chicago Western story. Bromfield, Louis, and others. Favorite stories by famous writers. 3v Grade 1 Chicago

Cadell, Elizabeth. Gay pursuit. 4v 1948 NYPL

At forty-two, Natalie Forrester, a gentle little English widow, found herself engineered into second marriage, and the results make an amusing and delightful book.

David, Julian, psuedonym. The three Hanses. 3v 1942 NYPL A modern novel for young people based on the youth of Hans Christian Andersen. Though the other two Hanses in the story are fictitious and the adventures of the three are invented, it is a story that might have happened in Denmark 120 years ago.

De la Roche, Mazo. Mary Wakefield. 7v Grade 1 1949 Chicago
The story is about the Whiteoaks of Jalna, and is the eleventh book and the second
chronologically in the series. The author has gone back to the 1890's to tell the
story of Philip Whiteoaks' second marriage to Mary Wakefield, who was to become the
mother of Piers and Eden and Finch and Wakefield.

Ermine, Will. Singing lariat, a triple-A western classic selected and with an introduction by Erle Stanley Gardner. 4v 1939, 1948 NYPL Estes, Eleanor. Rufus Moffat. 3v Grade 12 Chicago Juvenile



Fairchild, David. Garden islands of the great east. 4v 1943 Recently

acquired by NYPL; also in LC Account of a collecting trip in the wilds of the Moluccas, the Spice Islands of the East, following on the trail of the explorer-naturalist, Aldred Russell V allace. The expedition set out in 1939 in a specially built Chinese junk. When the invasion of Holland in May 1940 closed the ports of the Netherlands Indies to visitors,

Dr. Fairchild and his party returned to Philippine waters. Farley, James A. Jim Farley's story, the Roosevelt years. 9v Grade 12

1948 Chicago

This book deals mainly with the author's association with Franklin D. Roosevelt, and about the break between the two men. As it closes with the death of President Roosevelt, it makes an unofficial history of his years in office.

Feld, Rose C. Sophie Halenczik, American. 2v Grade 1 1943 Chicago Short stories about a valient Czech vidow, living in a Connecticut town not far from Bridgeport. In most respects, she was more loyal than the Americans themselves. (Available as a Talking Book)

Gade, John Allyne. The life and times of Tycho Brahe. 3v 1948 NYPL A blography of the Danish astronomer, written to commemmorate the 400th anniversary of his birth.

Golding, Louis. No news from Helen. 5v Grade 12 1943 Chicago An English engineer stationed on the Malayan peninsula becomes separated from his wife and child when the Japanese invasion begins. He arrives later in England, sick in body and mind. His search for his wife creates a sense of suspense thich is steady and mounting.

Great American short stories. lv Grade 12 Chicago

Gross, Milton. Yankee Doodles. 5v Grade 1 Chicago Gunther, John. Troubled midnight. 5v Grade 1 1945 Chicago Something of a spy thriller. Romance of the present time with background of Constantinople.

Gusin, Brion. To Master, a long goodnight. 6v Grade 1 Chicago King, Rufus. The case of the dowager's etchings. 3v Grade 13 Chicago

Detective story

Lieb, Frederick G. Boston Red Sox. 6v Grade 1 1947 Chicago History of the forty-six years of the Boston Red Sox. Some of the big names in the baseball world, who were at one time on the Red Sox are Ted Williams, Babe Ruth, Tris Speaker, and Cy Young.

Marks, Robert W. The story of hypnotism. 4v 1947 NYPL

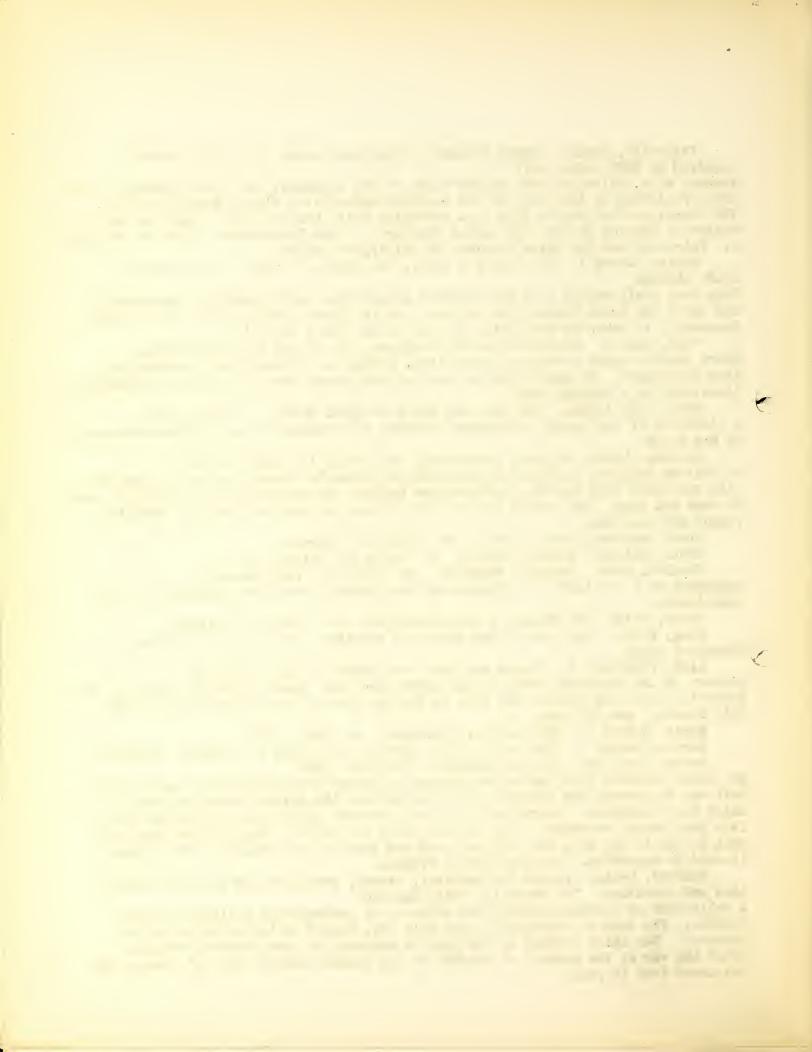
Martin, George V. The bells of St. Mary's. 3v Grade 1; Chicago Fiction

Meyer, Cord, Jr. Peace or anarchy. 3v 1947 NYPL

Mr. Meyer believes that the United Nations is headed for destruction, and that the only way to prevent the struggle for power between the United States and the Soviet Union from producing a third World War is to remodel the United Nations and make it a true world government. You may not share Mr. Meyer's strong faith, but read what he has to say and, for your own sake and that of your children, think about

it--and do something. New York Herald Tribune.

Mumford, Lewis. Values for survival; essays, addresses and letters on politics and education. 7v Grade 12 1946 Chicago A collection of essays, speeches and letters, on contemporary politics and conditions. The book is dedicated to his only son, killed in battle before he was nineteen. The third section of the book is composed of open letters, written after the war at the request of the OWI to old German friends, most of whom he had not heard from in years.



O'Brien, Howard V. Memoirs of a guinea pig; or Eight years in a doctor's waiting room. 3v Grade 13 1942 Chicago
Eight years ago, the author, a Chicago newspaper columnist, discovered that he had something wrong, presumably with his eyes, because of the specks floating before them. That was the beginning of a seemingly endless series of visits to specialists, during which time he was tested for everything from sinus to fallen arches. This is a humorous account of his eight years pilgrimage in search of health.

Peale, Norman V. A guide to confident living. 4v Grade 1 1948 Chicago The pastor of the Marble Collegiate Church in New York City has established a consultation service there to which hundreds of people with personal problems come each year. In these chapters he describes his work in that service, stressing such problems as fear, worry, tension, and the inferiority complex, their effects and

his methods of overcoming them.

Ross, Frances, and others. Magic tales. 1v Grade 1 Chicago Seymour, Flora W. Bird girl: Sacagawea. 2v Grade 1 1945 Chicago Story of the life of the Shoshoni Indian woman, Sacagawea, who was a member of the Lewis and Clark expedition. The emphasis is placed on her childhood, since it is intended for intermediate grade children.

Smith, Betty. Tomorrow will be better. 5v Grade 12 1948 Chicago
This is the story of Margy Shannon, the plainly dressed, neatly combed daughter of

a factory worker who had many difficulties.

Spanish language: de Alarcon, Pedro A., and James P. E. Crawford, editors. El sombrero de tres picos. 3v Philadelphia Fiction

Spanish language: Valdes, A. P. Jose, from Lecturas amenas. 3v Philadelphia Fiction



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# Book Announcements Press-made Books

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Readers are required to borrow books from the library designated by the Library of Congress to serve their respective territories.

In the list which follows, the first book notation in every instance should be credited to the Book Review Digest unless another source is given.

Austen, Jane. Emma. 5v 1815 APH

Less brilliant than "Pride and Prejudice," "Emma" is equally rich in humor and the vivid portraiture of character, and a never-ending delight in human human observations which the fascinated reader shares from character to character.

Bentley, Phyllis. Life story. 4v 1948 CPH

Family chronicle depicting the lives and fortunes of a family of West Riding mill owner.

Brooks, Van Wyck. A chilmark miscellany. 4v 1948 CPH
Selections from the author's writings, essays, biographical sketches of places and
scenes. The author's note indicates that most of the material has appeared in his
printed work. The sketch of Llewellyn Powys was written as a preface for his "Earth
Memories." and a few of the "Notes from a Journal" are new.

Cerf, Bennett, editor. Shake well before using. 4v 1948 CPH

A new collection of impressions and anecdotes, mostly humorous. The book is in twelve sections headed: The front page. The theater. The comic supplement. Book Review:

I--Author, Author! Book Review II--Publishers weakly. Hollywood. The magazine.

Railroads and shipping. Sports. Society. Financial. Radio. Travel.

Cheney, Sheldon. The theatre; three thousand years of drama, acting and stage-craft. 6v 1929 HMP

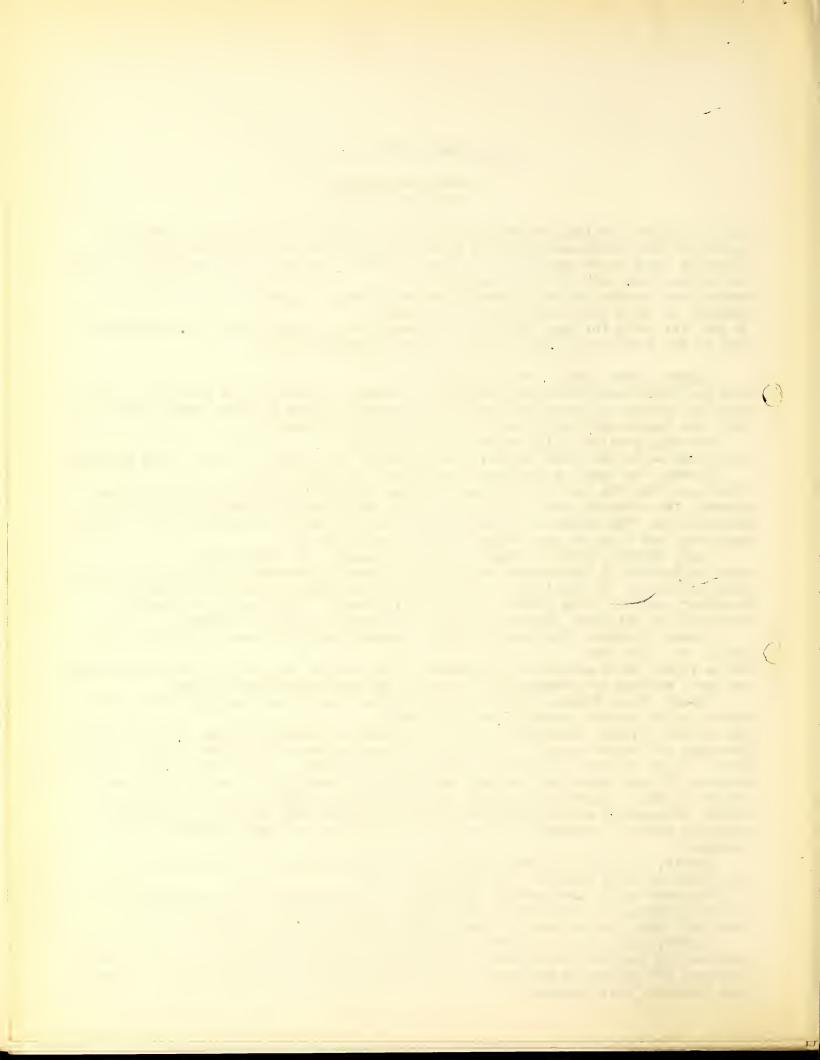
Unique survey which gathers up all phases of the theater and carries them down through the ages, showing the changes that came with changing conditions of life.

Conant, James Bryant. Education in a divided world; the function of the public schools in our unique society. 2v 1948 HMP

The author, scholar, scientist, educator is eager to introduce laymen to the fruits of learning, and in particular, to the goals of American education which, always lying ahead, are to produce free human beings in a free society. He believes that an understanding of these goals will destroy the hostility frequently directed toward our system of public education, and that through universal education, equality of opportunity, development of leadership and ability wherever they exist, and a liberal yet practical kind of teaching, a unique type of education is being developed. Library Journal.

DuBois, W. E. B. The world and Africa; an inquiry into the part which Africa has played in world history. 4v 1946, 1947 APH An indictment of the treatment of colonials, of white exploitation and oppression of colored peoples, in a short history of African civilization. A timely book, but admittedly based on the work of other writers rather than on research.

Fenton, C.L. and M.A. Fenton. Story of the great geologists. 4v 1945 APH
The story of the rocks on the earth's surface as evidenced in the lives of the men who
developed the science of geology. Some of these included Aristotle, Villiam Smith,
Adam Sedgwick, Louis Agassiz.



Foster, Elizabeth. The islanders. 4v 1946 APH
Family chronicle centering around the building of a summer home on an island in
Rangeley Lake, Maine. For over fifty years the house, which was almost literally
"carried out in the wilderness," was the beloved summer home of four generations of
the family.

Freed, Jeanette, and Henry Singer. A picture book in color for the blind.

Second notice. This is now published by the Tactichrome Publishers, 2034 Race Street,

Philadelphia 3. Pa. Price: \$6.00 per copy. A small edition in Spanish is available.

Price: \$ 7.50per copy.

Gilberg, Aage. Eskimo doctor. 2v 1948 APH
An account of a Danish physician's year (1938-39) as district doctor in the Thule region of Greenland.

Gilbert, Allan. American angora handbook, 4th edition. lv 1942 APH Hughes, Richard. A high wind in Jamaica. (The innocent voyage). 2v 1929 APH A piece of fiction which defies classification but which in its incredible, ammsing, yet often horrible, story of the sea-wanderings of five children, constitutes a devastating criticism of the influences which mold their characters. A most distinguished book. Awarded the "Femina vie heureuse" prize in 1931.

Kluckhohn, Clyde. Mirror for man; the relation of anthropology to modern life.

3v 1949 HMP

The author, writing for the nontechnically trained reader, describes the many remifications of the science of anthropology, and shows how the study of human behavior can aid in breaking down the prejudices which exist between peoples of different nations and cultures. He lays bare the fallacious thinking which underlies the popular concept of race and points out the stupidity of any policy or plan for a new world order that emphasizes political or economic factors. Library Journal.

Lamb, Harold. The city and the Tsar; Peter the Great and the move to the west.

4v 1948 HMP

A sequel to "The March of Muscovy," which is also available in braille. In it the devolopment of Russian history is traced from 1648 to 1774. Beginning with Alexis Romanoff, the father of Peter the Great, the study carries through the reign of Peter, when Russia first began to consider western ideas, and ends with the crowning of Catherine the Great.

McKee, Irving. "Ben Hur" Wallace; the life of General Lew Wallace. 4v 1948 CPH A sympathetic, full-length biography of the author of "Ben Hur," General Lew Wallace, soldier. diplomat and romanticist.

Marriott, Alice. Maria; the potter of San Ildefonso. 4v 1948 HMP
The life story of Maria Martinex, the Pueblo Indian woman, whose black pottery, painted by her husband, had made her famous throughout the United States and abroad.

Maxwell, William. Time will darken it. 4v 1948 HMP

A small Illinois town in 1912 is the scene of this novel of character. Ably written and rather startling for all its nostalgic background—read before circulating it to susceptibles.

Proust, Marcel. Pleasures and regrets. 2v 1396 BIA

Early stories and sketches now translated into English for the first time.

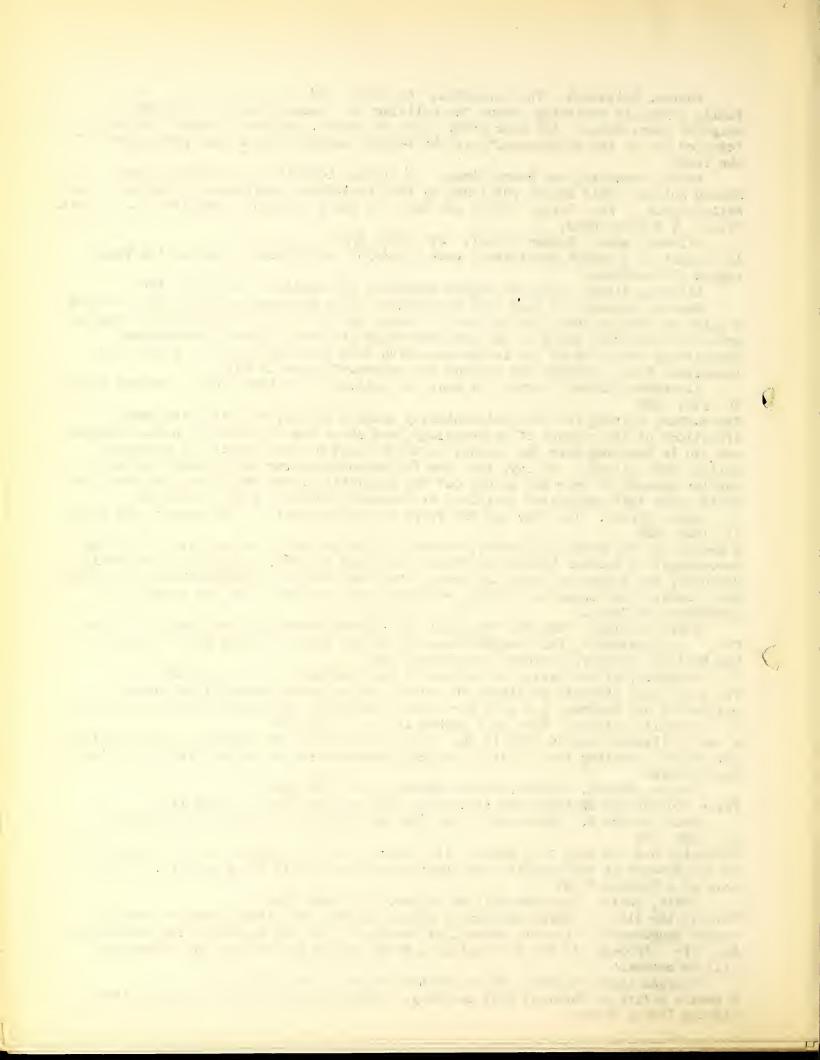
Ruth, George H. (Babe Ruth) The Babe Ruth story, as told to Bob Considine 1/3v 1948 APH

Considine has not only told Ruth's life story. He has captured the team personality of the Yankees of the twenties and thirties and has lively tales to tell. (Available as a Talking Book)

Smith, Betty. Tomorrow will be better. 3v 1948 BIA

This is the story of Margy Shannon of Maujer Street, the plainly dressed, neatly combed daughter of a factory worker, of her loves, job and marriage, the tragedy of her life. Through all her difficulties, Margy clings to the hope that "tomorrow will be better."

Sturges Jones, Marion. The heart has reasons. 3v 1948 BIA A gentle satire on Chestnut Hill snobbery. Mildly malicious and a quietly entertaining family story.



Whitton, Mary Ormsbee. First first ladies. 1789-1865. 4v 1948 CPH Biographical sketches of the wives of the presidents of the United States from Martha Washington to Mary Todd Lincoln. Included is a sketch of Harriet Lane, the niece of the bachelor president, James Buchanan, who acted as hostess in the White House during her uncle's term of office.

Wodehouse, P.G. Spring fever. 3v 1948 APH
Hilarious doings at Beever Castle in the county of Kent. Involved among others are
the fifth Earl of Shortlands, called Shorty at times, his three daughters, of very
different types, two young men from America, and two servants with lurid pasts.

# Talking Books

(These books are provided by the U.S. Government unless otherwise noted)

Aldrich, Bess Streeter. A white bird flying. 16r 1937 Read by Kate McComb

Laura Deal, the youngest grandchild of Abbie Deal, the pioneer mother of "A Lantern in Her Hand," is the heroine. The book is a sequel to "A Lantern in Her Hand," but can be used separately. "Lantern in Her Hand" is available as a Talking Book.

Davis, H.L. Beulah land. 19r 1949 Read by Milton Metz APH Historical novel of the American frontier which begins in North Carolina, cross-country to the Mississippi, up to Illinois, across Missouri and Kansas and south to their own Beulah Land in what was the Indian Territory.

De la Roche, Mazo. Mary Wakefield. 18r 1949 Read by Terry Hayes APH
The eleventh volume in the Jalna series is the second in point of time. The setting
is Jalna in 1893, and the heroine is Mary Wakefield, the beautiful English girl engaged to Ernest Whiteoak to be governess for Philip's motherless children. (Available
in braille in Chicago)

Lamb, Harold. Genghis Khan, the emperor of all men. 11r Read by Jean Clos APH Genghis Khan (1167-1227) was a Mongol conqueror. He plundered northern India and subdued what is now Iran, Iraq, and part of Russia. A military genius. His original name was Temujin. One of his descendants was Temujin the Tartar conqueror.

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Prescott, William. Conquest of Mexico, designed for modern reading by Marshall

McClintock. 2 pts 23r 1909 Read by Livingston Gilbert APH

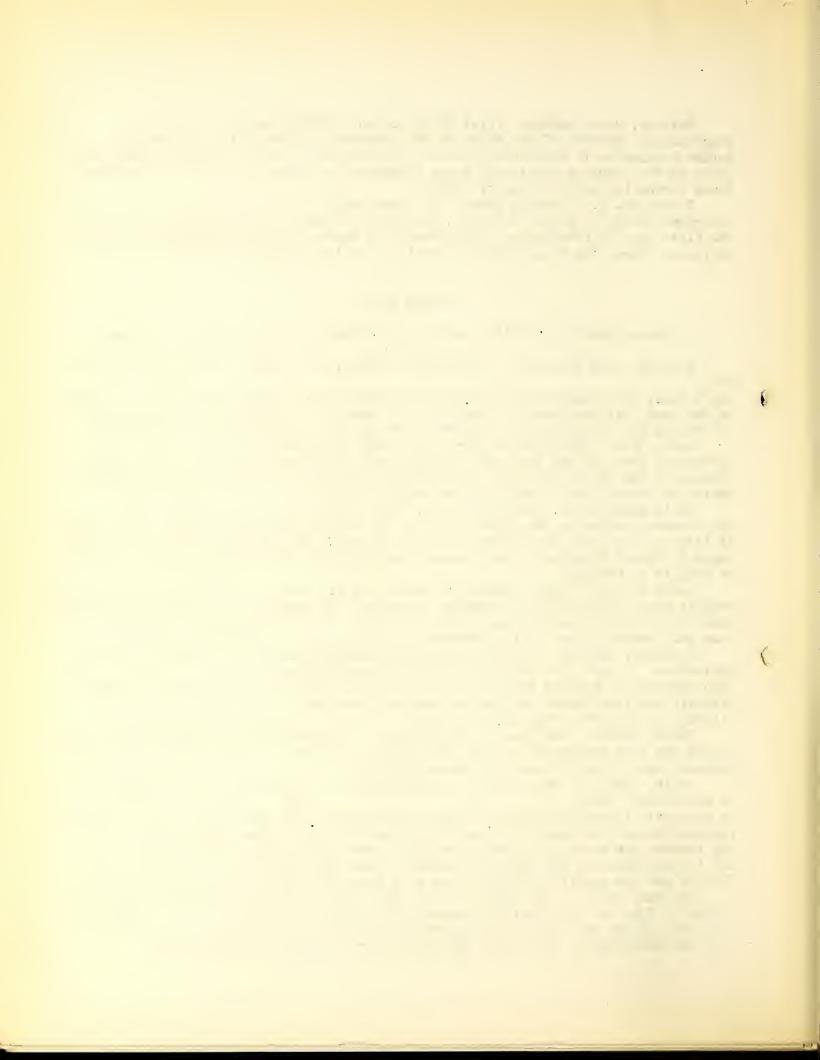
"The Conquest of Mexico" is known for its dramatic sweep and its centering of the historic conflict between native Mexicans and invading Spaniards in the heroic figures of Hernando Cortes and Montezuma.

Taber, Gladys. The book of Stillmeadow. 13r 1948 Read by Miriam Robinson APH Around the year account of life on the author's Connecticut farm, based on her diary. Contains much of her personal philosophy of life.

Teale, Edwin W. The lost woods, adventures of a naturalist. 15r 1945 Read by Milton Metz APH

In pleasant, leisurely prose the reader wanders along the enchanting paths of nature, ranging through the beauties of individual snowflakes, strange sights seen while flying through the heart of a cloud, the tiny insect world inhabiting a single leaf, and the grandeurs of the redwood forests. There are chapters on rare bird life in Florida and the magnificent sight from Hawk Mountain of bird migration in October.

Wellman, Paul L. The chain. 2 pts 29r 1949 Read by George Patterson APH Author of "The Walls of Jericho" returns to his Kansas locale to spin a rather arttess tale of the conflict of an Episcopalian minister who wishes to practice literally the teachings of his church and his country club-minded congregation.



#### BRAILLE WRITERS NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE AMERICAN PRINTING HOUSE FOR THE BLIND

The American Printing House for the Blind has announced that it now has three types of braille writers available for immediate delivery on receipt of orders.

THE NEW HALL BRAILLE WRITER: Is a refinement of the old Hall braille writer, being of about the same size and weight, but with a new type roller, carriage and backspacer. This writer is easy to use and maintain, is quite rugged, and is relatively inexpensive. It will emboss a maximum of 39 cells on a sheet of paper 10 inches in width.

THE NEW WIDE CARRIAGE HALL BRAILLE WRITER: Is exactly like the standard New Hall braille writer described above, with the exception that it has a longer

carriage which will accommodate a sheet 112 inches in width.

The third is the MARBURG BRAILLE WRITER. The Printing House has purchased the parts and is assembling 100 of these German machines, which are quite similar in appearance and operation to the Picht writer which they handled in the same manner before the war. This writer is smaller and lighter than the APH model Hall braille writers, although it will handle a sheet of paper 10; inches wide, writing 42 cells. The demand for these machines will determine future policy with regard to their production and distribution.

For information in regard to the price of these machines, write to the American Printing House for the Blind, 1839 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville 6, Kentucky.

### BOOKS ON BASEBALL AND FOOTBALL

Barbour, R.H. Around the end. 4v Grade 12 NYPL Football fiction

Barbour, R.H. Behind the line. 3v Grade 12 NYPL Football fiction Barbour, R.H. The crimson sweater. 4v Grade 12 NYPL Baseball fiction

Barbour, R.H. Merritt leads the nine. 3v Grade  $l_2^1$  NYPL Baseball fiction

Barbour, R.H. The score is tied. 3v Grade 1 NYPL Football fiction Barbour, R.H. The scoring play. 3v Grade 1 NYPL Football fiction Barbour, R.H. Watch that pass. 3v Grade 1 NYPL Football fiction

Carmichael, J. P., editor. My greatest day in baseball; forty-seven dramatic stories by forty-seven stars. 3v NYPL, New Orleans, LC, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, BIA

Sound baseball for blind players. Pamphlet Los Angeles Chandler. Decker, Duane. Good field, no hit. 3v Grade 12 NYPL Baseball Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan. Rodney Stone. 3v NYPL Boxing fiction Feller, Robert. Strikeout story. NY Guild Baseball Graham, Frank. Lou Gehrig, a quiet hero. 3v Grade 12 Chicago, NYPL

Gross, Milton. Yankee doodles. 5v Grade 1 Chicago Human interest stories of members, past and present on the New York Yankees. Heyliger, William. Backfield comet. 3v Grade 15 NYPL Football fiction

Krueger, J. J. Baseball's greatest drama. 9v Grade 12 Chicago

Lieb, F.G. Boston Red Sox. 6v Grade 1 Chicago

Lieb, F.G. Connie Mack; grand old man of baseball. 6v Grade 1 Chicago McGraw, J. J. My thirty years in baseball. 4v Grade 12 Chicago NYPL

Meany, Tom. Babe Ruth. 3v Grade 12 Chicago

Scholz, J.V. Batter up. 4v Grade 12 Chicago

Owen, Frank, editor. Teen-age baseball stories. 3v MYPL Roberts, Howard. The Chicago Bears. 5v Grade 12 Chicago

Rockne, Knute K. Autobiography. 5v Grade 1 NYPL, Chicago Ruth, George Herman. Babe Ruth's own book of baseball. 4v Grade 1 NYPL Schacht, Alexander. Clowning through baseball. 3v Grade 12 Chicago



Smith, M. Baseball. 7v Grade 12 Chicago Historical narrative of the game and the men who played in it and its place in American life.

Stockton, J. The gas house gang. 6v Grade 15 Chicago Story of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Tunis, J.R. All American. 3v Grade 1 Chicago Football

Tunis, J.R. Iron duke. 2v Grade 12 Chicago Football

Tunis, J.R Keystone kids. 3v Grade la NYPL Baseball Fiction

Tunis, J.R.The kid comes back. 3v Grade 1 Chicago, NYPL Baseball fiction

Tunis, J.R. The kid from Tompkinsville. 3v Grade 1 Chicago Tunis, J.R.Rookie of the year. 3v NYPL Baseball fiction

Tunis, J.R.World series. 3v Grade 1 Chicago Tunis, J.R.Yea, wildcats. 4v Grade 1 Chicago

#### REPORTS FROM TWO LIBRARIES

LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND: SALT LAKE CITY--In the 1949 annual report of the Free Public Library of Salt Lake City, we find the following statement of the Library's work with blind readers:

The demands for braille and Talking Books continue to increase and during the past year 12,888 volumes were circulated from this section of the library. This represents a gain over the previous year of 1,244. Although these figures are small compared to the total circulation, the work of selecting books for sightless and usually distant patrons is much more laborious than counter circulation of print books and entails an enormous amount of physical effort. The territory served by this library includes all of Utah and Wyoming.

BRAILLE INSTITUTE LIBRARY: LOS ANGELES--From its annual report, 1949, we learn that the Braille Institute Library now contains 13,037 braille volumes, 1,474 Moon type volumes and 3,746 containers of talking books. Last year, 1,353 patrons borrowed 25,661 talking book containers, 5,285 braille volumes and 865 embossed periodicals. It required a staff of seven to operate the Library.

#### Hand-copied Books

This is a list of hand-copied books recently reported by the libraries. Unless otherwise indicated, these books are in Grade 2. How to locate hand-copied books in libraries: Following each title in this list you will find either a group of initials or the name of a city. These are the abbreviations for the names of libraries for the blind and indicate the library in which you will find the book. A key to these abbreviations, giving the names and addresses of each library and publishing house, is included in every January and June issue.

Bisch, Louis E. Be glad you're neurotic. 4v Chicago Borden, Lucille P. From the morning vatch. 3v 1943 Xavier A deep devotional tone pervades the whole. The author is led back into the Holy Land, guided by a Capuchin friar. There, before her eyes, pass the scenes of our Lord's life, poignant and vivid.

Bounds, B.M. Power through prayer. lv Grade 12 Braille Circulating Library, 702 West Grace Street, Richmond, Va.

Collis, Maurice. The first Holy One. 4v NYPL Inspirational Cousins, Norman, editor. Treasury of democracy. 5v 1942 Chicago Aphorisms of short extracts with a bearing on democracy. The first section of the book contains aphorisms on democracy, arranged chronologically from Homer to



Thomas Wolfe. The second section -- the living affirmation of democracy -- is composed of the statements of seventy-seven modern writers and thinkers, written especially for this volume, or adapted by the writers themselves from previously published materials.

Feller, Robert W.A. Strikeout story. 4v 1947 NY Guild The life story to date of the farm boy who became pitcher for the Cleveland Indians, and has made so many records in the American League. Bob Feller is, in fact, in his field of endeavor, a great man. He'll go down in the record books as a great pitcher.

Finney, Charles G. How to win souls. lv Grade 1 Richmond Footner, Hulbert. Orchids to murder. 4v Grade 1 1945 Chicago Detective

story.

Godsell, P.H. The romance of the Alaska highway. 3v Grade 1/2 Philadelphia Hague, Dyson. Wonder of the book. pamphlet Grade 1; Richmond Harrison, Norman B. Hallowing the home. pamphlet Grade  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Richmond Harrison, Norman B. Youth's way of life. pamphlet Grade  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Richmond Hayes, Roland. My songs. 2v 1948 NYPL

Words and music of thirty of the Aframerican religious songs as sung by Roland Hayes. Hindus, Maurice. The Cossacks; the story of a warrior people. 7v 1945

Survey of the 500 years of the Russian Cossacks. Beginning with their earliest days, when they were known as wild Asiatic barbarians, the author traces their history in episodic style, bringing the story down to the part they played in World War II. He considers folk lore, manners, and customs and their stand on present day questions.

Keesing, Felix M. Native peoples of the Pacific world. 2v 1945 NY Guild This handbook is designed primarily to help visitors to understand and make friends with the island peoples of the Pacific area. The islanders differ amazingly from place to place in their customs, speech, religion and other characteristics and it would take volumes to describe them. This book does, however, give some of the basic facts about these peoples and their problems of present and future. (Available as a Talking Book)

Knox, Ronald: The creed in slow motion. 4v 1949 Xavier (This is the compan ion volume to the "Mass in Slow Motion." It was delivered to the same audience in the same mood. The first book is to help us know what we are doing; this one is to help us understand what we are saying. Xavier Society.

Lehman, Rosamond. The gypsy's baby, and other stories. 3v 1946 Philadelphia. Contents: Gypsy's baby. Red-haired Miss Daintreys. When the waters came. Dream of wonder. Wonderful holidays.

Levin, Paul. Tragedy of a wasted life. pamphlet Richmond Meigs, Cornelia. Wind in the chimney. 2v Seattle; recently acquired by Chicago. Fiction

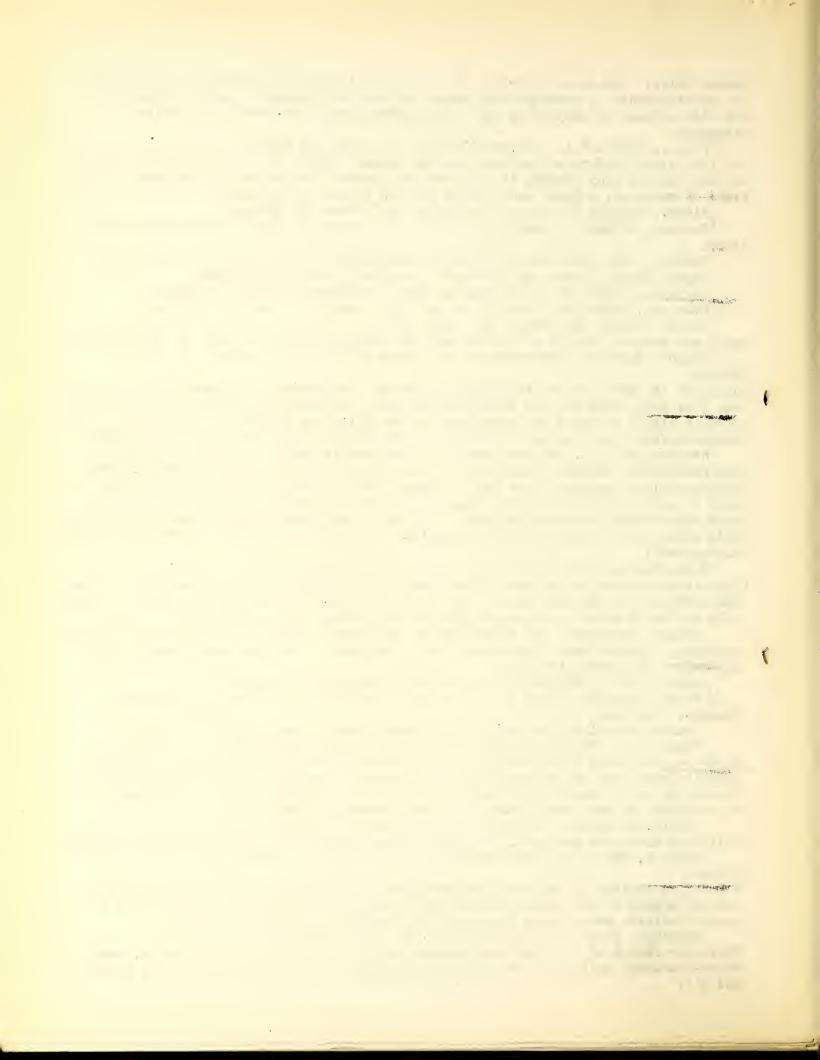
Psalter hymnal of the Christian Reformed Church. 4v Grade 1 Richmond Ramuz, C.F. When the mountain fell. 3v 1947 Philadelphia Based on tremendous 1749 landslide in the Canton of Valais, Switzerland, when the Devil's Tower fell on grazing valley of Derborence during the night of June 22, destroying forty chalets and checking the Luzerne torrent to the present lake. Of nineteen men and several hundred animals buried, one man escaped.

Scherf, Margaret. Gilbert's last toothache. 3v 1949 NYPL

Billed as humor and homicide, this should give you a lift without scaring you unduly. Sharkey, Donald C. After Bernadette; the story of modern Lourdes. 4v 1945 Xavier

A brief re-telling of the story of Bernadette and an account of the early miracles and the growth of the shrine precede the report on Lourdes as it is today. By a devout believer who replies to some of the skeptics. Wisconsin Bulletin.

Sheridan, John D. Paradise alley. 6v 1947 Xavier Character sketch of an Irish schoolmaster who won the respect of his pupils, the under-nourished children of the Dublin dock area. Fritten with tenderness, wisdom and wit.



Smith, Adam. The wealth of nations. 16v 1776 NYPL Undoubtedly the foundation work of modern economic thought. You will find the basic principles that Smith embodied in his book explained inall the histories of economic thought. What you will not find is the skill, the charm, the greatness with which he wove them into the fabric of his chapters. From the introduction by Max Lerner.

Stokes, W.R. Modern patterns of marriage. 2v NYPL

Stone, Mrs. Goldie. My caravan of years, an autobiography. 4v Grade  $l_2^{\frac{1}{2}}$  Chicago

In 1889 the author came to America from her home in Lithuania, an orthodox Jewish home of culture and comparative wealth. Married soon after her arrival, to a Chicago businessman, that city became her home for more than fifty years, and the scene of her work in public welfare and education. She was active in the establishment of a Jewish institute, an orphanage, and a home for the aged, and helped Julius Rosenwald in his philanthropies.

Strombeck, J.F. Disciplined. lv Richmond

Strombeck, J.F. So great salvation. lv Richmond

Strombeck, J.F. They shall never perish. 4v Grade 12 Richmond

Suerig, R.F. Bible study, how? lv Grade 1 Richmond

Thompson, Margaret. High trails of Glacier National Park. 3v Grade 12 Philadelphia.

Treat, Roger L. Walter Johnson, king of the pitchers. 3v Grade  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Chicago A biography of Walter Johnson, written by a sports columnist, who knew him as a great baseball player and an honorable man.

Walsh, James E. Tales of Xavier. 4v 1946 Xavier
"Set a thief to catch a thief," is no bad idea. Set a missionary to write of a
missionary is, perhaps, even better. Bishop Walsh, of Maryknoll, first and always
a missionary, is excellently equipped to write of that greatest of all missionaries,
St. Francis Xavier.

Warmbrand, Max. New hope for arthritis sufferers. 2v 1947 NYPL Warren, R.P. Night rider. 2v Grade 1 Philadelphia Short story

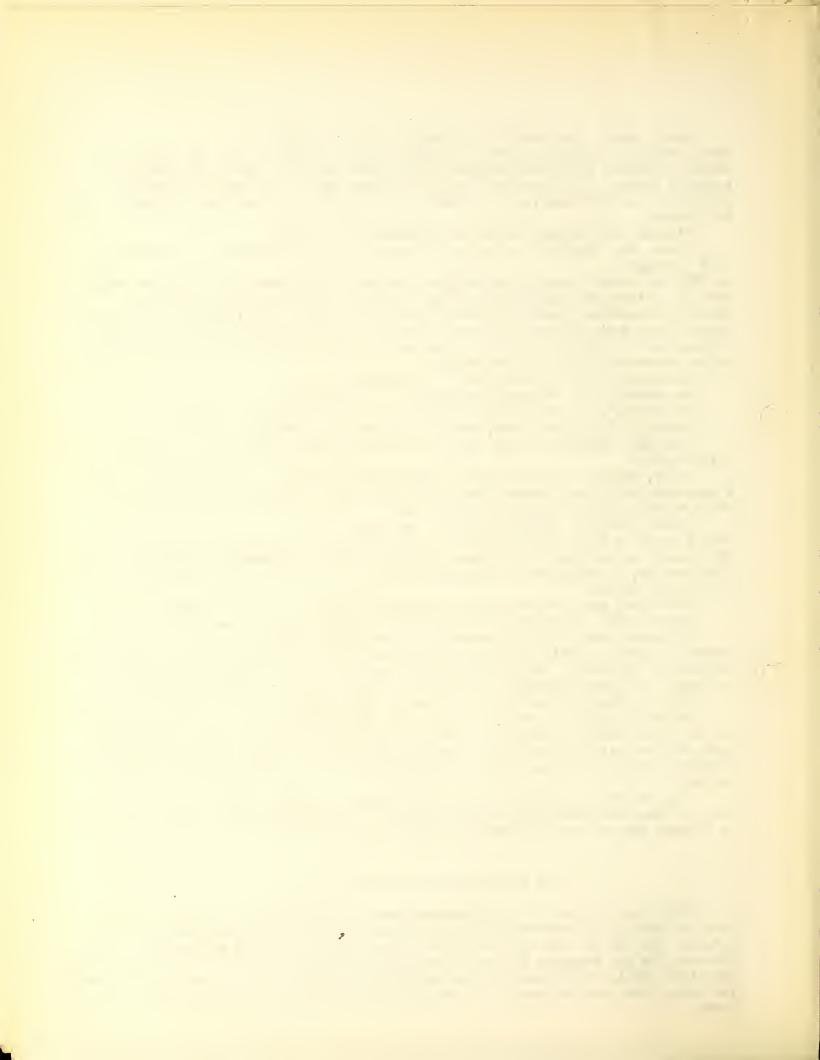
Wickenden, Dan. Tobias Brandywine. 10v 1948 Xavier
Senator Windrow's family found Tobias Brandywine out on the back stoop, sick, helfstarved and freezing. They befriended him and he was the beginning of a new era
for them. All their troubles vanished for Tobias led them into a charmed world.

Winkler, John K., and Walter Bromberg. Mind explorers. 6v Grade 12 Chicago Wilson, William E. Crescent city. 8v 1947 NY Guild On the train which is taking him back to his father's funeral, Stephen Holt reviews his own life and the life of his home town. It is the story of the growth of a middle western city from 1912 to the present, with Jay Holt, newspaper editor, as hero.

Wire, Harold C. North to the promised land. 2v 1948 NYPL Story of the last huge cattle drive from Texas to Montana, told in the first person, by a young boy who travels with the cowboys over the trail.

#### Two Broadcasts of Interest to Readers

Under the auspices of the Synagogue Council of America, two programs will be given of special interest to braille readers: on Friday, May 19th (at 9:30 a.m. E.S.T.), and Sunday, May 21st (at 10:00 a.m., E.S.T.)—over the nation—wide mutual network. In the programs "Faith in Our Times" and "Chapel of the Air" respectively, the first public announcement of the Hebrew braille Bible will be made by the Council. The work, under the editorship of Leopold Dubov, took more than four years to complete.



# WHAT ISRAEL READS By Joan Comay Taken from "Wilson Library Bulletin," February, 1950.

In twenty blocks of Tel Aviv yesterday I counted twenty bookshops.

Israel is the readingest nation in the world. Even before there was compulsory education, every male Jew in Israel had to know the alphabet so he could read a portion of the law at his Bar Mitzvam. Israelis read all the time. They read while they stand in queues, road workers read in their lunch hour, the shepherd reads on the hillside, the children snatch at the family paper almost before they can walk.

First and foremost, Israelis read the newspapers. Israel boasts thirteen dailies. Eight of them are morning papers (five Hebrew, two German and one English) and five are afternoon papers—all in Hebrew. In addition, there are many smaller immigrant newspapers turned out once or twice a week in Ladino, Yiddish, Hungarian, Bulgarian, Rumanian, French, Polish and Greek.

The bookshops are not big by American standards, but not one of them has books in fewer than seven languages. The highest percentage of books sold in Israel today are still in English. One reason for this is the enormous demand for technical and scientific literature, which comes mainly from America.

Also, the 1939-43 war brought many English-speaking troops to Palestine, and with them came a big cry for cheap editions of thrillers and of best sellers which had been made into movies.

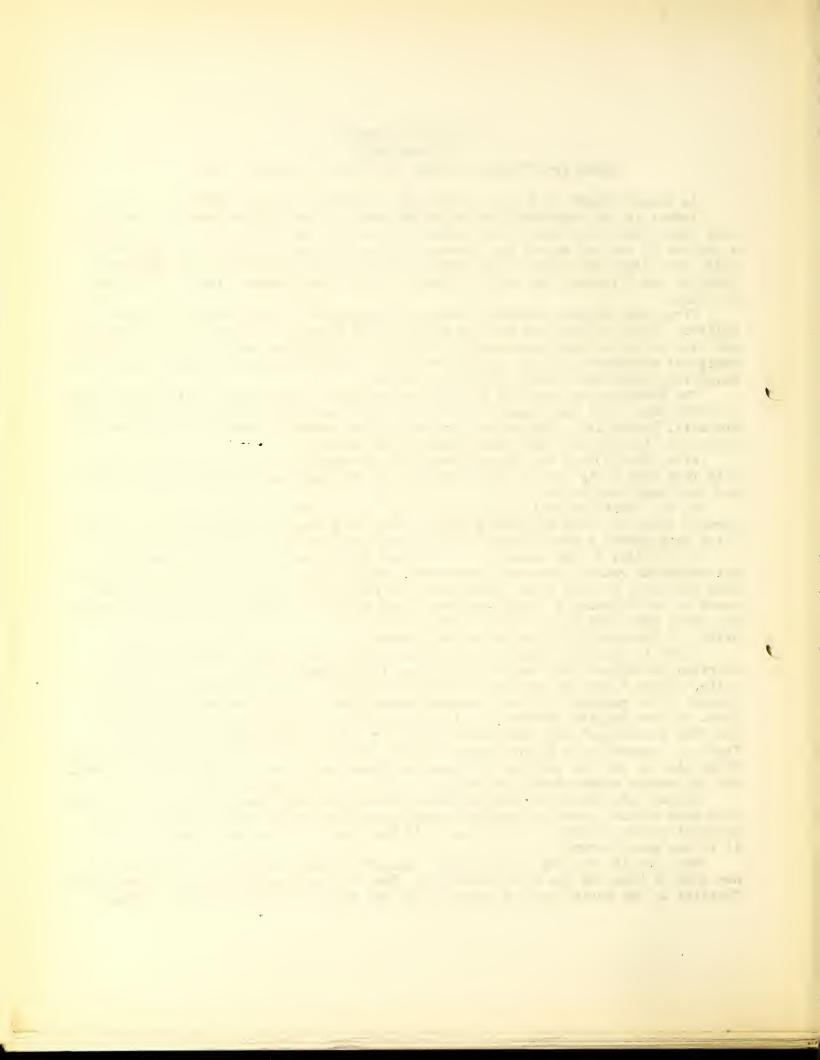
In the short interval between the world war and the Palestine war there was a forward surge by local publishing houses, who, with paper readily available, translated into Hebrew a great number of classics, best sellers, and mystery stories.

In addition to the emphasis on technical books, there is also a trend to philosophical reading matter—a phenomenon which occurs after every war. Israelis also are eager to read about themselves, and Hebrew translations of books as far apart as Dr. Weizmann's "Trial and Error" and Robert St. John's "Shalom Means Peace" are among the local best sellers. The Hebrew edition of Dr. Weizmann's book—priced at \$8—sold 6,000 copies in three weeks.

There is also much demand for overseas news publications. The most popular American periodicals are the Paris edition of the "Herald Tribune," "Newsweek," "Life," "Time," and the "Reader's Digest" in English, French and German. The most popular slick magazine is the "Saturday Evening Post," which arrives three weeks late. Of the English periodicals Israelis read the "New Statesman and Nation" and "The Economist," even though the latter is fairly consistently anti-Israel. There is comparatively little demand for the cheaper pulp or film magazines. Comic books play no part in children's lives, but Simon and Schuster's Little Golden Books and the Bantam Wonder Books are popular because of the illustrations.

Because the Hebrew language is more concise than any other all the translations look much thinner than the originals—they generally run to about two-thirds the original number of pages. Even "Gone with the Wind"—"Chalaf im haruag"—looks as if it has been dieting.

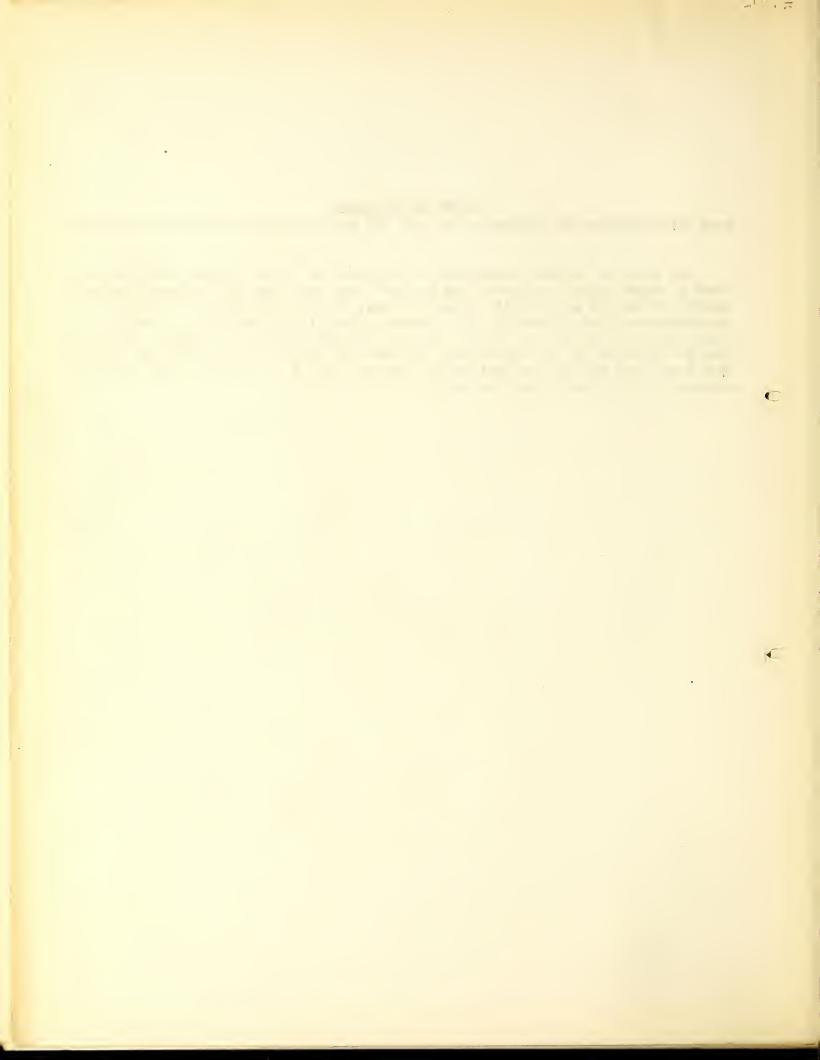
Most popular reading at the moment among the young generation of Israeli3 is a new crop of books on the Israel-Arab war. The two favorites are Colonel Moshe Carmel's "Battles in the North" and Uri Avneri's "In the Field of the Philistines," 1948.



#### WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

From Edith Hamilton in "Spokesmen for God: The Great Teachers of the Old Testament

The Bible is the only literature in the world up to our century which looks at women as human beings, no better and no worse than men. The Old Testament writers considered them as impartially as they did men, free from prejudice and even from condescension. What historian of any other nationality writing of a general's great victory, Barak's over "Sisera with his chariots and his multitude," would set down how he cried out to a woman when she bade him fight, "If thou wilt go with me, then I will go; but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go." And Deborah answered, "I will surely go with thee."



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#### Book Announcements Press-made Books

All press-made or Talking Books here noted are provided by the Federal Government. Copies of these government-supplied books are placed in the twenty-six regional libraries which serve the blind. A list of these libraries appears regularly in the January and June numbers of the magazine.

Readers are required to borrow books from the library designated by the Library of Congress to serve their respective territories.

In the list which follows, the first book notation in every instance should be credited to the Book Review Digest unless another source is given.

Brown, Joe D. Stars in my crown. 2v 1926, 1947 APH
Told as reminiscences of the childhood years which the author spent with his grandparents in a small Georgia town. Grandpa was an unusual person, a Protestant minister and an outstanding member of the community. The little boy, who was seldom
separated from him, was witness to many experiences of which the average child would
be oblivious.

Buck, Pearl S. Peony. 4v 1948 APH
A novel of China of 100 years ago. Ezra, a rich merchant, was the son of a Jewish father and a Chinese mother. His wife was loyal to the orthodox Jewish faith, and tried to hold her son, David, to it also. Peony, their Chinese bond servant, loved David but knew she could never marry him. But in spite of his mother, David married a Chinese girl, and Peony stayed on to help them all through the difficult years that followed.

Collins, Norman. Black ivory; being the story of Ralph Rudd, his early adventures, perils and misfortunes on land and sea. 3v 1948 APH A sea story of the last days of the slave trade. The hero is a young farm lad, shanghaied into service on board the Nero. When he discovers the evil deeds being done he helps bring the malefactors to final judgment.

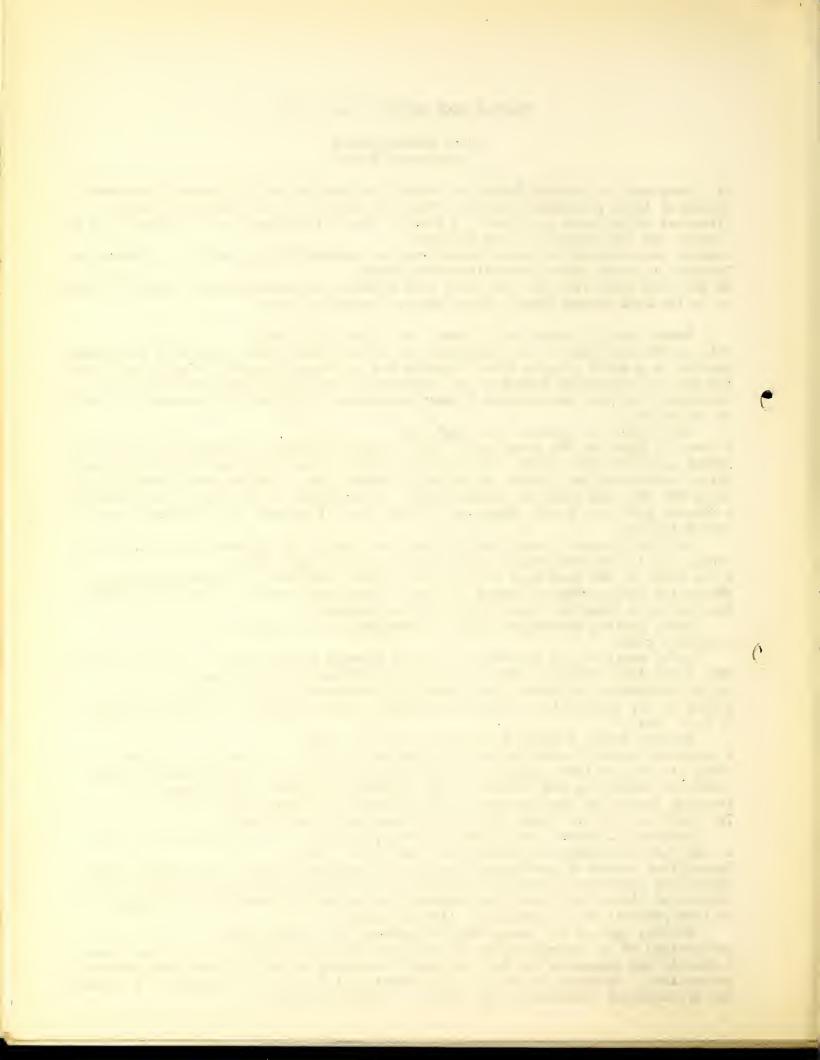
Ford, Leslie, pseudonym. Devil's stronghold. 2v 1948 APH Detective story.

Fyfe, Hamilton. A history of the next hundred years-unless. 2v 1949 edition NIB Panda #126 Price ls (Not a publication of the U.S. Government)
It is interesting to compare this absorbing, imaginative picture of what may be coming to us, painted by a veteran journalist, with "The Shape of Things to Come," by H. G. Wells.

Hamsun, Knut. Growth of the soil. 4v 1921 APH
A realistic novel of crude peasant life in an out of the way corner of Norway. It
makes its deepest human appeal as a story of man making a place for himself under
primitive conditions and subject to the ordering of nature, rather than to the
feverish demands of civilization. There is wholesome growth and simple happiness.
The story is told in a slow, simple style suited to its material.

Harding, T. Swann. Two blades of grass; a history of scientific development in the U.S. Department of Agriculture. 5v 1947 CPH Interesting record of government's search for rust-proof grain, pure foods, better apples and vegetables, for better methods of soil and forest conservation, prevention of disease in plants and animals, for control of insects, for economic uses of farm products and by-products. Library Journal.

Hooton, Earnest A. Apes, men, and morons. 4v 1937 APH
Reflections of an anthropologist who advances the theory that man is headed toward
a drastic and dangerous New Deal in human evolution, unless he takes extraordinary
precautions. Programs for future improvement of the race are suggested. A scientific presentation intended for the layman. Ontario Library.



Jennings, John. River to the west; a novel of the Astor adventure. 5v 1948

Historical adventure tale about the founding of John Jacob Astor's trading post in the Pacific Northwest. The hero, Rory O'Rourke, thrown out of the Scotch-Canadian Northwest Company, becomes Astor's right hand man in the fur side of Astor's business.

Keith, David, pseudonym. Blue harpsichord. 2v 1949 HMP Mystery story Lancaster, Bruce. No bugles tonight. 4v 1948 CPH Picture of the Civil War in the South, especially in Tennessee, during the critical

period of 1862 and 1863. The hero is a dashing Northern officer, a secret agent, and the heroine is a beautiful Southern widow, who aids the Union.

Mann, Thomas. The tales of Jacob abd young Joseph. 6v 1934-48 BIA
These tales are from "Joseph and His Brothers," which is the first book of a trilogy. The second is "Young Joseph" and the third is "Joseph in Egypt." These books,
which recreate the earliest experiences of the Jewish people, have given the Old
Testament story new beauty and because of the Nazi persecution of the Jews, new
significance.

Mathews, Basil. Booker T. Washington, educator and inter-racial interpreter.

A full-length biography of the great Negro educator, based on extensive research and on personal interviews. In addition to careful evaluation of Booker Washington's achievements, the author considers the reason why some members of his own race opposed his policies.

Mearns, David C. The story up to now; the Library of Congress. Reprinted from Annual Report of the Library of Congress, 1946. 5v APH

Official rules of the Association of American Playing Card Manufacturers for canasta. lv 1950 (Not a publication of the U.S. Government).

Raine, William MacL. Famous sheriffs and western outlaws. 3v 1903-29 BIA
The author is an English-born American journalist and novelist, especially known for
for adventure stories of the Wild West.

Salyer, Sanford. Marmee; the motherof "Little Women." 2v 1949 APH
The life story of Abigail May Alcott, wife of Bronson Alcott, and mother of Louisa
May Alcott.

Stevenson, Robert Louis. Weir of Hermiston. 2v 1896 BIA
This is an "unfinished novel which is often cited as Stevenson's materpiece. It is
written around the motice of deep antipathy between father and son. Outlines a
remarkable group of tragic personalities, hard, strong-natured Scotch folk, of the
period of 1813-1814." Lenrow.

Thirkell, Angela. Private enterprise. 5v 1948 APH
The time is the second summer of the so-called peace; the place is Barchester.
Many of the characters from the author's earlier books appear, the Brandons, and the Deans among others. Theplot evolves around the arrival of an attractive war widow and her effect upon the settled families and her progress toward a second husband.

Tilton, Kleanor M. Amiable autocrat; a biography of Dr. Cliver-Wendell Holmes.
7v 1947 APH

Scholarly biography of Oliver Wendell Holmes portraying in detail the poet, doctor, lecturer, teacher and wit. In the course of ther work the author manages to throw a lot of cold water on the more extravagant interpretations of Holmes, and to bring the Doctor himself down (or up?) to human size. Saturday Review of Literature.

Verne, Jules. Michael Strogoff; a courier of the Czar. 4v APH A novel concerning the daring journey of a courier from Moscow to Irkutsk carrying dispatches through the breadth of Siberia, then infested with Tartar hordes in rebellion against the government. Baker's Historical.

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#### Talking Books

(These books are provided by the U.S. Government unless otherwise noted)

Bible: New Testament. Acts of the Apostles--Colossians. King James version.

13r 1949 Read by Alexander Scourby AFKS These are recorded on 10-inch records.

Calkins, Earnest E. And hearing not-. 2 pts 25r 1946 Read by Eugene Earl

A well-known American advertising executive, who has been deaf since childhood, writes his autobiography and describes therein his efforts to find a place for himself, despite his handicap.

Chapman, Wilbert McL. Fishing in troubled waters. 15r 1949 Read by William Gladden APH

A West Coast professor of ichthyology cheerfully describes his efforts, as a civilian attached to the Army, to start a one-boat commercial fishery in 1944 in the Solomon Islands, an operation designed to vary the monotonous spam diet of our personnel stationed there. He found the red tape in that quarter of the globe nearly as luxuriant and impenetrable as the tropical forests, but we have his word that the project was eventually a success. New Yorker.

Chesterton, Gilbert K. The wisdom of Father Brown. 16r 1949 Read by Franklin Engleman NIB Short story.

Day-Lewis, Cecil. Minute for murder. 2 pts 20r 1948 Read by Alvard Lidell NIB

A highly literate job, with detection taking a back seat to an assortment of "public servants" and their departmental wranglings. New Republic.

Doolsard, A. Den, pseudonym. Roll back the sea. 2 pts 36r 1948 Read by Robert Donley AFB

In the autumn of 1944, the British bombed the dikes of Walcheren Island, in Holland; thereby washing the mouth of the Scheldt clear of Germans and hastening the Allied capture of Antwerp. This blow at the enemy also had the effect of bringing the civilian population of Welcheren into direct contact with the North Sea, whose cold waters poured through the breached dikes into their parlors. The author was posted there for fifteen months. This is his novelized account of that period, with special emphasis on the resourcefulness, brawn, and beauty of character that the men of Walcheren brought to the job of rebuilding the dikes. New Yorker.

Eisenhower, Dwight D. Crusade in Europe. 3 pts 43r 1948 Read by Howard Wierum AFB

General Eisenhower's personal narrative of the part he played in events which led us into the war, and of his campaigns leading up to and through the end of the war. Includes an account of his postwar visit to Russia. This stands head and shoulders above the other records of fighting men, in its simplicity, clarity, and illumination it throws on the basic human relations of the men at the top. It is the innermost story of a great Crusader and the book is worthy of the man.

Eliot, George, pseudonym. Middlemarch; a story in provincial life. 3 pts 62r 1872 Read by Duncan Carse NIB

Tells two separate stories, that of Dorothea Brooke and her two marriages, and that of Dr. Kydgate and the Vincy family, loosely knit together by the fact that they are acted on the same stage and before the same detailed background of middle-class life in and near an English provincial town. (Available in braille).

french language: Grey Owl, pseudonym. Un homme et des betes. 18r Read by Robert Franc AFB

The author learned his forest lore from the Ojibways with whom he was reared. He turned from trapping to the preservation of game--especially of the beaver. This is an account of his life in the Canadian wilderness, and his work in behalf of the

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forest and its inhabitants. His unusual study of the habits and habitats of the beaver is especially valuable. The book was originally published in English under the title, "Pilgrims of the Wild."

Hitrec, Joseph G. Son of the moon. 2 pts 35r 1948 Read by Barry Doig AFB The son of the moon is Vijay, an Anglicized Hindu with a love of flying. After two years in England he comes back to his native land and the reconciliation of the class of Eastern and Wostern ideas. A leisurely, charming, completely realistic account of modern family life among high caste Hindus of India.

Kelland, Clarence B. Merchant of valor. 16r 1948 Read by James Baskerville

A tale of romance and adventure in sixteenth century Italy. The hero is an English lad who travels to Italy and there becomes involved in the struggle between the Pope and Giovanni de'Medici.

Kipling, Rudyard. The jungle books. 2 pts 27r 1895 Read by John Brewster AFB

A series of animal stories for children. The central figure is the human Mowgli, brought up in the jungle by Mother Wolf. Kipling's technique has been called a combination of romantic outlook and realistic detail.

Marquand, John P. Point of no return. 2 pts 34r 1949 Read by Burt Blackwell APH

Novel describing some decisive days in the life of Charles Gray. At the end of the week he expects to learn if he is to be promoted to the vice-presidency of his New York bank; but in the meantime business takes him to his home town in Massachusetts where he reviews his past life.

Muntz, Hope. The golden warrior; the story of Harold and William. 2 pts 29r 1949 Read by John Brewster AFB

Historical novel about the Norman conquest of Britain and the events which led up to it. "Her characters are heroic, animated by simple but intense passions; and they are seen in a multitude of episodes which, though not connected with one another, are all preludes to the Battle of Hastings." London Times.

Norris, Kathleen. Certain people of importance. 2 pts 38r 1922 Read by James Walton APH

This is the history of the Crabtree family. From its dim New England origin it follows one of its members to the middle west and later to California, where a new generation carries on.

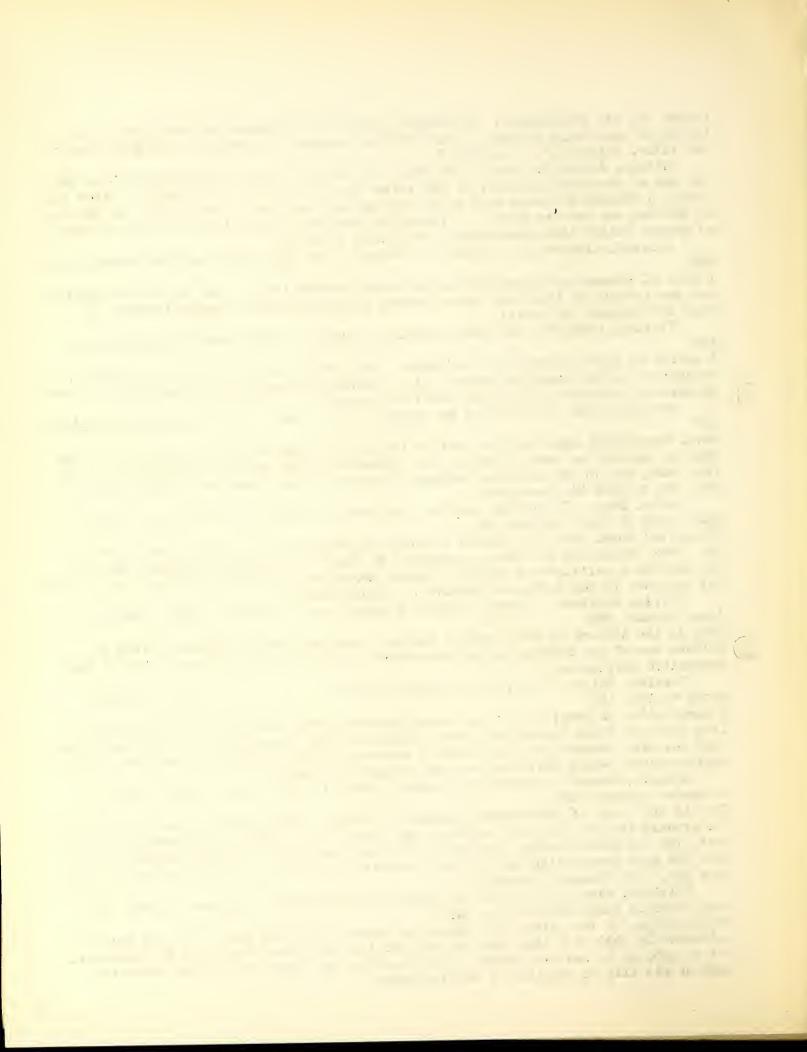
Oursler, Fulton. The greatest story ever told. 2 pts 26r 1949 Read by Bucky Kozlow AFB

A compilation of stories from the radio program of the same title. These tell the life story of Jesus to the Ascension. These scripts, among the most vivid ever given over the air, present in modern form an account of those dramatic, long-past, seemingly obscure events that have somehow changed the world.

Roberts, Kenneth. Northwest passage: Book II. 2 pts 25r 1937 Read by Alexander Scourby AFB

This is the story of Major Robert Rogers (1727-84) and his rangers, who defeated the St. Francis Indians and later explored the passage to Oregon. The second half of the book, the Northwest Passage section, is distinct in itself. Kenneth Roberts is at once the most interesting and the most accurate historical novelist that America has ever had. The Bookman's Manual.

Villiers, Alan. The set of the sails; the story of a Cape Horn seaman. 18r 1949 Read by James Baskerville APH Autobiography of the author of a number of books on sailing ships. He was born in Melbourne in 1903 at a time when the old sailing ships were beginning to disappear, but as soon as he was old enough to sail on them, he signed on and has spent as much of his life as possible on sailing ships.



White, Walter F. A man called White. 2 pts 27r 1948 Read by the author and John Knight APH
Autobiography of the general secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Recole, whose whole adult life has been spent in battling for the

ment of Colored People, whose whole adult life has been spent in battling for the rights of Negroes. Although he is a Negro, Mr. White could easily pass for a white man, which fact has had both advantages and disadvantages. In telling the story of his own life he has told also the history of the American Negro since 1906.

Young, E. H. Miss Mole. 18r 1919 Read by Gladys Young NIB
This book has simplicity, wit, and a real feeling for humanity and its foibles.
Miss Hannah Mole is in the trying position of earning her living in the homes of others. As a housekeeper for a noncomformist minister and his children in a provincial English town, she is regarded as a drab spinster. In reality she is a courageous adventurer, joyously sensitive to beauty and harboring a capacity to make drama out of humdrum things. (Available in braille).

#### A New Inkprint Catalog of Braille Books

An inkprint catalog listing all books published in braille from 1931 through 1948 is now available in the 26 regional libraries circulating government-owned books. These are for distribution to blind readers, free of charge, upon request. Supplements to this catalog will be published from time to time.

#### The Braille Hebrew Bible

The May issue of the Braille Book Review carried a brief announcement of the publication of this Bible. We are glad to give fuller information in this issue and quote in part from a tribute paid this work by The New York Times in a recent editorial. "After nearly five years of painstaking effort, and at considerable cost, the Jewish Braille Institute of America has completed a heroic undertaking—the translation of the entire Hebrew Bible into Braille. Aided by an advisory council of distinguished American rabbis and scholars, the Institute has turned out the work in twenty encyclopedia—sized volumes. This is an accomplishment of outstanding spiritual significance.

The creation of this great work for the Jewish blind--and also of course for many Braille-reading non-Jewish students of the Bible--was necessarily preceded by the adoption of an international Hebrew Braille system. Such a system was devised also under the Institute's leadership in the early Nineteen Thirties by an internationally representative committee. Designated as the International Hebrew Braille Code, the new lettering was essentially a phonetic adaptation of the English Braille alphabet. Wherever possible consonants and vowels of the English alphabet were made to serve for their Hebrew equivalents in sound. We salute the Institute for its great work."

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New York State Library, Library for the Blind, Washington Avenue:

New York State other than Greater New York City and Long Island;

Vermont

Atlanta Carnegie Library of Atlanta, Kriegshaber Library for the Blind,

679 Piedmont Avenue, N.E.: Georgia; Alabana; Florida

Austin Texas State Library, State Capitol: Texas

Canada Canadian National Institute Library, 64 Baldwin Street, Toronto:

Canada

Chicago Chicago Public Library, Department of Books for the Blind,

4536-44 Lincoln Avenue: Illinois north of Springfield; Wisconsin

Cincinnati Cincinnati Public Library, Cincinnati Library Society for the Blind,

6990 Hamilton Avenue, Mt. Healthy: Ohio south of Columbus; Kentucky;

Tennessee

Cleveland Cleveland Public Library, Library for the Blind, 325 Superior Avenue

N.E.: Northern half of Ohio, including Columbus

Denver Public Library, Books for the Blind, Civic Center, Denver 2:

Colorado; Nebraska; New Mexico

Detroit Wayne County Library, Department for the Blind, 3661 Trumbull Avenue:

Wayne County, Michigan

Faribault Minnesota Braille and Sight-Saving School, Library for the Blind:

Minnesota; North Dakota; South Dakota

Honolulu Library of Hawaii, Library for the Blind: Hawaiian Islands

Indianapolis Indiana State Library, Service for the Blind, 140 North Senate

Avenue, Indianapolis: Indiana

Jacksonville Illinois Free Circulating Library for the Blind, Illinois School

for the Blind: Southern half of Illinois including Springfield;

Iowa

JBL Jewish Braille Library, 1846 Harrison Avenue, New York 53, N.Y.:

Nation-wide service

LC The Library of Congress, Division for the Blind, Washington 25, D.C.:

District of Columbia; Maryland; North and Scuth Carolina; Virginia

Los Angeles Braille Institute of America, Braille Institute Library, 721 North

Vermont Avenue: California; Arizona

New Orleans Public Library of New Orleans, Library for the Blind, 2940 Cana

Street, New Orleans 27: Louisiana; Mississippi

N. Y. Guild New York Guild for the Jewish Blind, 1880 Broadway, New York 23, N.Y.

Nation-wide service

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The New York Public Library, Library for the Blind, 137 Vest NYPL 25 Street, New York 1: Greater New York City and Long Island;

Connecticut; Puerto Rico; Virgin Islands

Oklahoma Library Commission, Braille Department, State Capitol, Oklahoma

Oklahoma City: Oklahoma: Arkansas

Perkins Institution Library, Watertown 72, Massachusetts: Perkins

For Talking Book Service, Massachusetts; New Hampshire; Maine;

Rhode Island. For embossed books, all of New England

Free Library of Philadelphia, Logan Square, Philadelphia 3: Philadelphia

Eastern half of Pennsylvania including Harrisburg; New Jersey;

Delaware

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Division for the Blind, 4400 Pittsburgh

Forbes Street: Pennsylvania rest of Harrisburg; West Virginia

Library Association of Portland, 801 Lest Tenth Avenue: Oregon; Portland

Idaho

Sacramento California State Library, Books for the Blind, 2709 Derby:

California; Nevada

State Library for the Blind, 924 Houghton Avenue: All of Saginaw

Michigan outside of Wayne County

Public Library of Salt Lake City, Reading Room for the Blind, Salt Lake City

Salt Lake City 1: Utah: Wyoming

Seattle Seattle Public Library, Library for the Blind, 731 North 35

Street, Seattle 3: Washington; Montana; Alaska

St. Louis Public Library, Rolfner Memorial Library for the St. Louis

Blind, 3844 Olive Street: Missouri; Kansas

Xavier The Xavier Society for the Blind, Library for the Blind,

154 East 23 Street, New York 10, N.Y.: Nation-ride service;

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LIST OF OTHER ABBREVIATIONS USFD IN THIS MAGAZINE

ABS American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N.Y.

AFB American Foundation for the Blind, 15 Vest 16 Street, New York 11.

N.Y.

APH American Printing House for the Blind, 1839 Frankfort Avenue.

Louisville 6, Kentucky

ARC American Red Cross, National Headquarters, lashington 25, D.C.

BIA Braille Institute of America, 741 North Vermont Avenue,

Los Angeles 27, Calif.

CPH Clovernook Printing House for the Blind, 6990 Hamilton Avenue,

Mt. Healthy, Ohio

HMP Howe Memorial Press, 549 East Fourth Street, Boston 25, Massa-chusetts

NIB National Institute for the Blind, 224 Great Portland Street,
London W. 1., England

TBA Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, Krotona, Ojai, California

#### Hand-copied Books

This is a list of hand-copied books recently reported by the libraries. Unless other ise indicated, these books are in Grade 2. How to locate hand-copied books in libraries: Following each title in this list you will find either a group of initials or the name of a city. These are the abbreviations for the names of the libraries for the blind and indicate the library in which you will find the book. A key to these abbreviations, giving the names and addresses of each library and publishing house, is included in every January and June issue.

Barnes, Margaret C. Vithin the hollow crown. 7v Grade 1; 1948 Chicago Mature readers will enjoy this historical novel of Richard II, whose reign was one of pageantry, intrigue and tragedy. The characters are always convincing; the historical background is clear but never obtrusive. (Available as a Talking Book)

Barschak, Erna. My American adventure. 5v Grade 1; 1946 Cleveland, Chicago This amusing book is an interesting addition to the volumes written about America by foreigners.

Binns, Archie. You rolling river. 7v Grade 1 1947 Chicago A novel of life in a port town of Astoria at the mouth of the Columbia river, sixty or seventy years ago.

Bromfield, Louis. The wild country. 4v Grade 1 1948 Chicago Looking back, after more than forty years, upon the time then he has in his early teens, the narrator describes the lives of his family and friends on a dissouri farm. It is a story of human passions, not thoroughly understood at the time by the boy but clear in retrospect.

Burgess, T.V. The adventures of Reddy Fox. lv Grade 1 1917 Philadelphia Juvenile

Corbett, Elizabeth. Hr. and Mrs. Meigs. 5v 1940 Chicago Philadelphia
The story is about Mrs. Heigs at forty, then she has been married ten years. In a
groving midwestern city of the 1880's, the busy family has its lively ups and downs.
(Available as a Talking Book)

Cruickshank, Helen G. Flight into sunshine; bird experiences in Florida. 3v

This is smoothly vritten. It has charm and accuracy. There is a quiet sense of integrity about the book that grows as the reader advances. Here is a realth of interesting information, interestingly told, about the large and colorful birds of our American tropics. N.Y. Herald Tribune.

Davis, Clyde B. The stars incline. 6v Grade 13 Chicago
Portrait of a newspaperman who starts his career on a Denver paper, later works in
New York and goes from there to Spain and to the Normandy invasion.

Eaton, Jeanette. That lively man, Ben Franklin. 2v 1948 LC
The author presents the many-faceted genius of Benjamin Franklin, showing him as a
man of integrity who was ever alert to new ideas, remained constant in his defense
of the rights of man, and to the end of his life, possessed a keen enjoyment of life.
Grades 6-9

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Eberle, Irmengarde. Modern medical discoveries. 2v 1948 LC After a brief biographical sketch of Dr. Alexander Fleming, this book for junior high school readers, takes up the story of some of the never medical discoveries: penicillin, the sulfa drugs, blood transfusion and the vitamins.

Fredericks, Carlton. Living should be fun. 4v Published by the Institute of

Nutrition Research LC

French language: Ernst, Frederic, editor. Promenade litteraire. 12v Selections and excerpts from French literature LC

Heindel, Max, and A. F. Heindel. The message of the stars. 8v 1927, and

1940. NY Guild

Kelley, Francis C. Pack rat; a metaphoric phantasy. 2v Grade 1; Chicago Kernan, Thomas. Now with the morning star. 4v 1944 NY Guild Chicago In 1938, Hitler's men took over an ancient monastery in the Black Forest and dispersed the monks who had lived there. Later, one of the monks disobeyed a Hitler decree and was sentenced to ten years' penal servitude -- and the prison labor camp to which he was sent was the ancient monastery. Because he had known life there before, Brother Nicholas also knew he need not stay. He could escape easily enough, but the night Stuttgart was bombed, he had a vision of God's plan for him and so he stayed on.

LeBlanc, Maurice. The eight strokes of the clock. Av NYPL Some of the best and most characteristic examples of conventional modern detective

stories are to be found in "Eight Strokes of the Clock." Villiam H. Vright

McDougald, Roman. Purgatory street. 5v 1946 LC

Mystery story

Miller, Alice Duer. Captain's table; from "Good Housekeeping", May 1942. 1v Philadelphia.

Miller, Helen T. Spotlight. 4v 1946 LC A romance concerned with the eternal triangle.

Mitchell, H. E. Den Oven and the angel Joe. 3v 1948 NY Guild Nathan, Robert. Long after summer. 2v 1948 Chicago LC

Short novel based on the idyllic love of Johanna, a fourteen-year-old girl from an orphanage, and a lad who lives in the Cape Cod village where Johanna goes to work.

Nichols, Osgood. Can labor and management work together? lv LC Pearson, Haydn S. Success on the small farm. 5v 1946 NY Guild Practical guidebook for the farmer on a small farm. The author suggests that the best vey to makealiving on a small farm is to use specialized cash crops. Partial contents: Pointers for beginners; How to restore poor soils; Success with a roadside stand; Small farm dairy; Strayberries--{500 an acre; Rcd raspberries--{500 an acre; Asparagus -- 500 an acre; etc. A living from hens; You ought to keep one cow, etc.

Peeples, Edwin A. Swing low. 5v 1945 NY Guild Story of a Negro, Villie Mack, and his wife, Amy. Willy Mack, country bred and country loving, is persuaded by Amy to move to Atlanta. Though Willie finds some friends and help there, the end is disaster.

Phillips. M.G. and M. O'Donnell. Anything can happen. ly Grade 13 Chicago Poole, Ernest. The great Thite Hills of New Hampshire. 7v 1946 LC

Study of the history, people, traditions, and customs of the state of New Hampshire. Rand, Ayn. The fountainhead. 16v 1943 NY Guila

Unusual story of struggle for success among New York architects. Interesting insights into methods by thich, for a thile, people may gain glory and money, but creative artist wins out.

Saroyan, William. Adventures of Wesley Jackson. 7v Grade 1: 1946 Chicago The experiences of a rather simple G.I. in the Army. Written with ironic humor and a touch of satire.

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Shridharani, Krishnalal J. The Mahatma and the world. 4v 1946 LC,N.Y.Guild Devoting more attention to India's political and economic future than to Gandhi, Shridharani has written a lucid exposition of his country's postvar problems. The problems posed by Pakistan, the British raj, the All-India Congress, Indian education, and the Bombay plan for industrial self-sufficiency are discussed.

Shriber, Ione. The last straw. 4v 1946 LC Detective story. Smith, Harry A. Larks in the popcorn. 4v 1948 LC

Smith, Harry A. Larks in the popcorn. 4v 1948 LC

Life in Westchester as seen by an exile from New York. Mr. Smith decided to raise
three crops: vatermelons, strawberries and popcorn. He found out quite a bit about
poison ivy and wasps in his new home and he also found out a good deal about
eccentric characters, city and country brands.

Standish, Robert, pseudonym. The small general. 5v 5v Chicago Stevenson, Robert Louis. A child's garden of verses. lv Grade 1; 1929 Philadelphia



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### Book Announcements Press-made Books

All press-made or Talking Books here noted are provided by the Federal Government. Copies of these government-supplied books are placed in the twenty-six regional libraries which serve the blind. A list of these libraries appears regularly in the January and June numbers of the magazine.

Readers are required to borrow books from the library designated by the Library of Congress to serve their respective territories.

In the list which follows, the first book notation in every instance should be credited to the Book Review Digest unless another source is given.

Asch, Sholem. Tales of my people. 3v 1948 APH Collection of short stories and one short novel, "The Little Town," commemorating the Jewish people, especially the Polish Jews. All treat of Jewish life and customs before, during, and after the rise of the Nazis.

Barrows, Sarah T. Games and jingles for speech development. lv Grade 1 1936

Colbert, E.H. The dinosaur book; the ruling reptiles and their relatives. 3v

This book was "written to fill a definite need, namely to tell the story of amphibian and repetilian evolution. Also to supplement the displays of fossil amphibians and reptiles in the American Museum of Natural History, but is written in such a way that it may be used by anyone interested in the subject." Preface

Cook, Beatrise. Till fish do us part; the confession of a fisherman's wife. 2v

The experiences, not all of them laughable, of a doctor's wife who found that she would have to become either a fish-wife or a fish-widow. She chose the former and learned to fish with one hand while holding the baby with the other.

Davidson, L.J., and Forrester Blake, editors. Rocky Mountain tales. 4v 1947

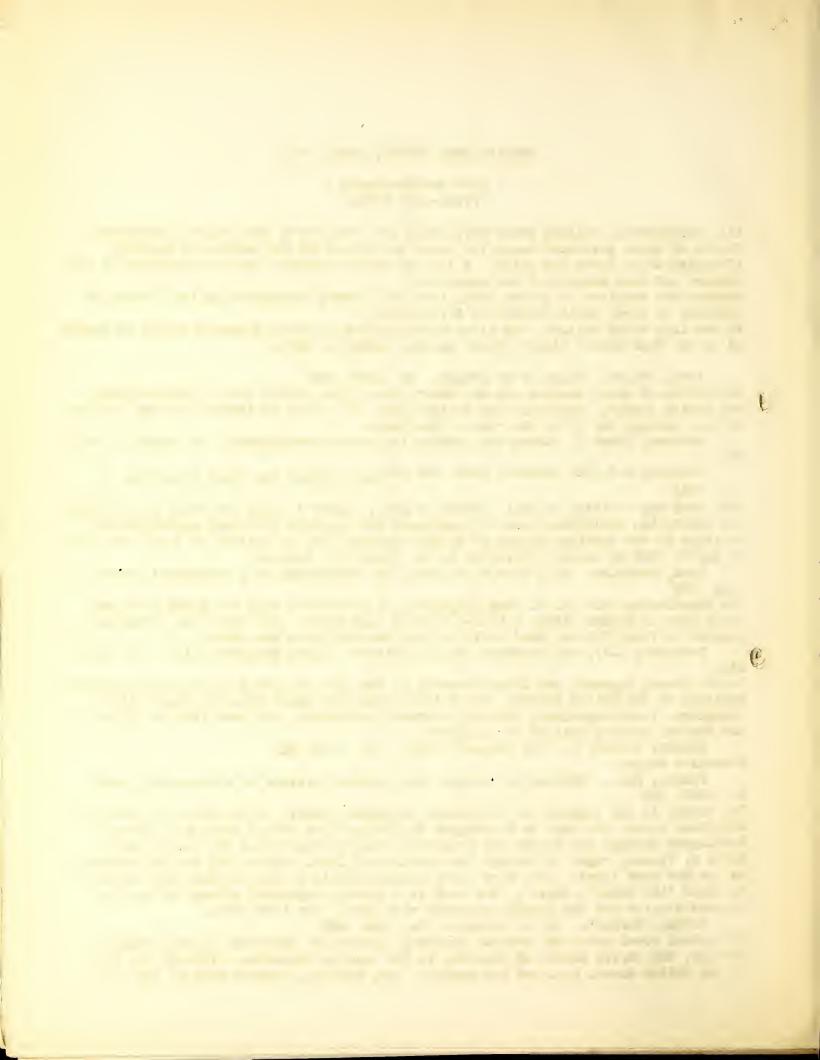
Tales, yarns, legends, and other accounts of the ways of living in the Rocky Mountain sections of the United States. The material has been taken from newspaper files, clippings, local magazines, diaries, letters, scrapbooks, and some from the files of the Federal Writers Project for Colorado.

Disney, Dorothy C. The hangman's tree. 2v 1949 BIA Detective story.

Furman, Bess. Washington by-line; the personal history of a newspaper woman.

The author is the daughter of a Nebraska newspaper family. After years of work on a smalltown paper, she went to Washington in 1929 and for twenty years has "Covered Washington through the Hoover and Roosevelt administrations and the succession of Harry S. Truman, right on through the election of 1948. Since 1943 she has represented the New York Times. Like most women correspondents in big bureaus, she was fated to cover 'the woman's angle', Her book is a loosely organized melange of how she covered stories and the people connected with them. New York Times.

Gorman, Herbert. Cry of Dolores. 6v 1948 APH
Historical novel about the Mexican uprising against the Spaniards in 1810. Miguel
Hidalgo, the parish priest of Dolores, is the leading character, although the story
of the Indian woman, Luz, and her mestizo son, Ciriaco, provide much of the plot.



Hebrew language: Freed, Jeanette, and Henry Singer. A picture book in color for the blind. lv 1949 Price \$7.50. Order from the Tactichrome Publishers, 2713 North 23rd Street, Philadelphia 32, Pa.

The book contains the Hebrew text in inkprint as well as in the Hebrew International

Braille Code.

Huxley, Aldous. The perennial philosophy. 4v 1945 HMP
An anthology of religious and mystical writings, slightly weighted on the Hindu side,
having to do with 'the metaphysic that recognizes a divine Realty substantial to the
world of things and lives and minds,' the psychology that finds in the soul something similar to, or even identical with, divine Reality. New Yorker

Jones, Virgil. The Hatfields and the McCoys. 3v 1948 APH
History of the most famous mountain feud of the last century from the time a Hatfield and a McCoy went to court over a razorback hog to the day, over fifty years
later, when sons of the two leaders shook hands and had their pictures taken. Between
these dates a clan war had been fought which involved two states in the dispute and
finally reached the Supreme Court.

Kane, Harnett T. Bride of fortune; a novel based on the life of Mrs. Jefferson

Davis 4v 1948 HMP

Pictures the life of the beautiful first lady of the Confederacy, Varina Howell Davis, from the time when she first met Jefferson Davis, to the day in 1867 when he was released from prison.

Keyes, Frances Parkinson. Dinner at Antoine's. 6v 1948 APH A combination of mystery story and picture of fashionable life in New Orleans during the few weeks before Mardi Gras in 1948. It deals with a dinner given at Antoine's, the murder of one of the guests, and the solving of the mystery of the murder.

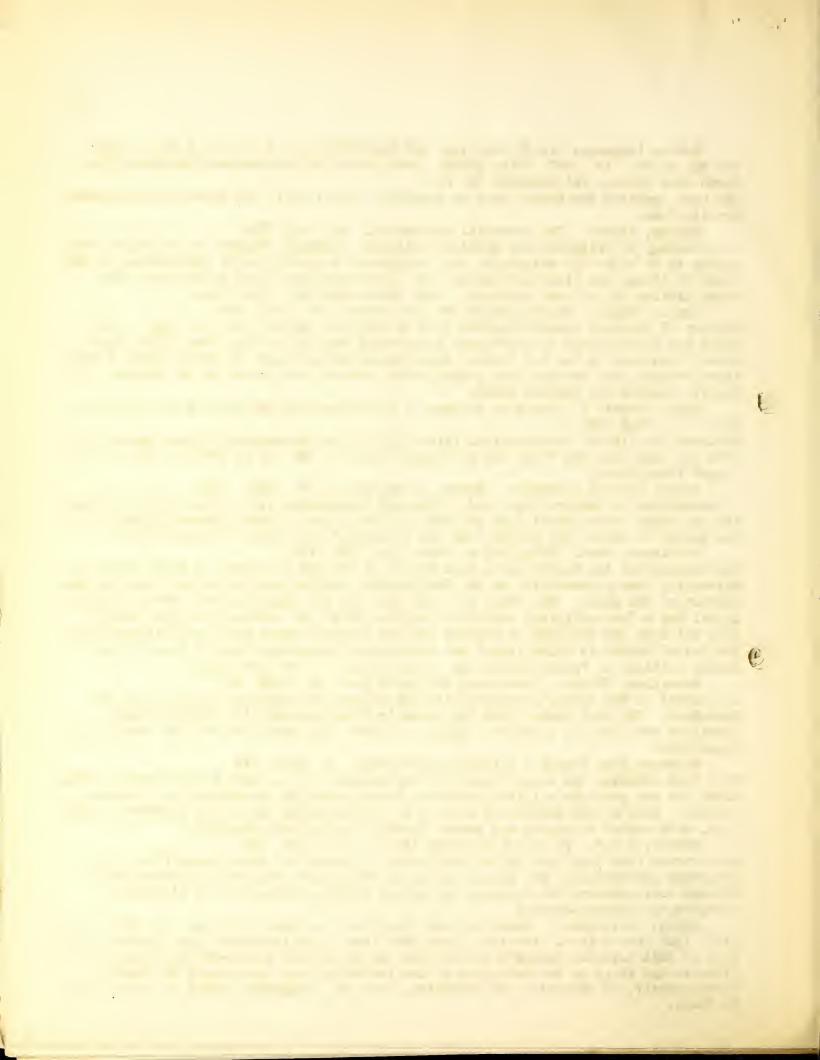
Lattimore, Owen. Situation in Asia. 2v 1949 APH
The Director of the Walter Hines Page School of foreign relations at Johns Hopkins
University, and a specialist on the Far Eastern question here gives his views on that
portion of the globe. His theme is " the West can no longer control events in Asia.
In all but a few negligible states nationalism is in the saddle. The West simply
does not have the strength to restore the old colonial order under any disguise, and
the United States is doing itself and democracy a disservice when it backs Netherlands, British, or French efforts to restore order." New York Times.

Macmillan, Miriam. Green seas and white ice. 3v 1948 APH
An account of the author's voyages with her husband to Labrador, Baffin Land, and
Greenland. The book begins with the author's first meeting with Captain Donald
Macmillan when she was a child of eight, and ends with their return from their 1947
expedition.

Mathews, John Joseph. Talking to the moon. 3v 1945 BIA
This book embodies the observations and the dreams of a solitary Nature-lover, living alone for ten years in a little sandstone house, among the blackjacks on a Kansas prairie. Many of his adventures have to do with friendly furred and feathered neighbors, with winter blizzards and summer floods. Springfield Republican

Morton, H.C.V. In search of South Africa. 5v 1948 CPH
As he moves from Cape Town up the east coast to Durban and into Orange Free State,
Transvaal and Rhodesia, Mr. Morton describes the natural scenery, indicates largely
through conversations the economic and social trends, adding bits of historical
background. Library Journal

Sykes, Christopher. Character and situation; six short stories. 3v NIB Panda #127 1949 Price 1s 6d Available from NYPL (Not a publication of the U.S.Government) Most of this talented author's stories are set in foreign lands—North Africa, India, France—and it is in the interplay of the individual and the society in which he finds himself, of character and situation, that the delightful comedy of the stories is found.



Taber, Gladys. Especially father. 2v 1949 CPH

Father was a geology professor of inexhaustible energy, speed, and dominance. He thought he could do anything and was more often right than wrong. How mamma and Gladys and Timmie the dog put up with father, or circumvented him, and always adored him, make the substance of the book. Christian Science Monitor

Thorp, Margaret. Female persuasion; six strong-minded women. 3v 1949 APH Portraits of six nineteenth century pioneers in the battle for women's rights. Contents: Catherine E. Beecher; Jane G. Swisshelm; Amelia Bloomer; Sara J.C. Lippin-

cott; Louisa S. McCord and Maria Child.

Vickers, Roy. The department of dead ends; first series. 2v NIB Panda #128
Price ls (Not a publication of the U. S. Government)
A brilliant series of short detective stories of the kind known as "inverted"—that is, the reader knows all the facts but the detective does not. The eventual solution of each story lies in one clue only, kept by Scotland Yard in the Department of Dead Ends.

Vickers, Roy. The department of dead ends; second series. 2v NIB Panda #129 Price 1s (Not a publication of the U. S. Government)
The second selection from this brilliant collection of "inverted" detective stories.

Warner, Sylvia Townsend. Corner that held them. 4v 1948 BIA A novel relating the events, small and large, tragic and trivial, which were the history of the Convent of Oby in England during the period from the Black Death(1349) to the Peasant Uprising.

Wechsberg, Joseph. Sweet and sour. 3v 1948 BIA
Stories about life in Czechoslovakia in the twenties, and about the author's wanderings through Europe in his youth. Many of the sketches have appeared in the New Yorker

Winslow, Mrs. Anne G. The springs. 1v 1949 APH
This short novel describes the emotional coming of age of a young Southern girl. The
time is around the turn of the century; the locale, somewhere in the country near
Memphis.

Zola, Emile. Nana, translated from the French. 5v 1884 CPH
First published in English in 1884. Sequel to L'assommoir." A study of the life of
a courtesan and actress.

Talking Books
(These books are provided by the U.S. Government unless otherwise noted)

Austin, Mrs. Mary. Starry adventure. 25r 1931 Read by Livingston Gilbert APH Story of the slow development of a dreamy, sensitive youth, son of a New England professor, seeking health in New Mexico. The country and the background are as important as the character study.

Blake, Forrester. Johnny Christmas. 19r 1948 Read by Alexander Scourby AFB Novel of the western frontier between the years 1836 and 1845. It is the story of the growing up of Johnny Christmas, and pictures life on the plains of Texas, in the Central Rockies, and along the Spanish trail to California. (Available in braille)

French language: Saint Exupery, Antoine de. Terre des hommes. 10r Read by Robert Franc AFB

Experiences of the great French flier, published here under the title, "Wind, Sand, and Stars."

Glesinger, Egon. The coming age of wood. 13r 1949 Read by Paul Clark APH Dr. Glesinger, an international authority on forestry, now working with the Food and Agriculture organization of the United Nations, proposes to realize the age of wood. The era which he previews in this book would see the reforestation of countless millions of denuded acres and the planned, efficient use of forest products. The result

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would be an enormously improved standard of living in crowded Asiatic areas and a notable gain in those countries already enjoying other technological advantages.

Irwin, Margaret. Elizabeth, captive princess. 19r 1948 Read by Carmen Mathews AFB

Sequel to the author's "Young Bess" (available in braille and as a Talking Book). It traces in fiction form the life of Elizabeth from the death of her young brother, Edward VI, through the brief reign of Lady Jane Grey, to the marriage of Queen Mary, when Elizabeth was twenty.

Robinson, Henry Norton. The cardinal. 41r 3 pts 1950 Read by Alexander Scourby AFB

A biographical novel which follows the career of an American Roman Catholic priest from the beginning of one World War to the beginning of the second. The chief character, the author says, is fictional though the portrait is based to some extent on several priests the author has known.

Russell, Harold, and Victor Rosen. Victory in my hands. 14r 1949 Read by William Gladden APH

Autobiography of a handicapped veteran who lost two hands as a paratrooper. The book is remarkable for its frankness and sincerity and is a fine piece of story telling.

Stuart, Frank S. City of the bees. 13r 1949 Read by Paul Clark APH
The story of a year's life in a colony of wild bees. The author, who is a Scotsman
now living in England, worked for seven years as a beekeeper.

#### DO YOU WANT A BRAILLE HYMNAL?

Edwin Wilson, Editor, The Braille Evangel, Fort Worth 10, Texas, asks the above question in an effort to evaluate the need for a braille hymnal on behalf of braille readers of the Protestant and evangelical orders of faith.

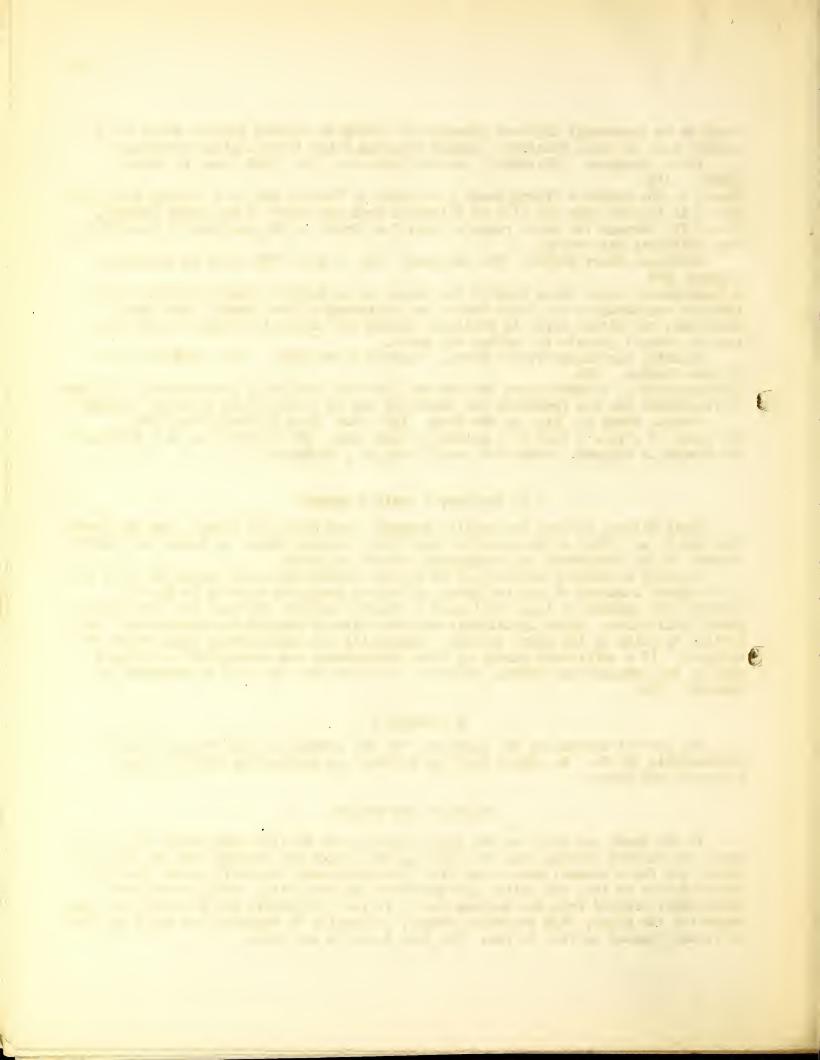
Recently a definite interest of 70 braille readers has been voiced in favor of a new hymnal composed of popular hymns and sacred songs not already in braille. Letters from readers at large will help to further certify the need for such a proposed publication. Blind individuals who are actively engaged in church music are invited to write to the above address. Thoughtful and constructive suggestions are welcomed. If a sufficient number of blind individuals are interested in owning a copy of the proposed new hymnal, definite plans for the task will be announced in January, 1951.

#### A CORRECTION

The correct address of the magazine, "We the Blind," is 5137 Spruce Street, Philadelphia 39, Pa. We regret that the address was incorrectly stated in our December 1949 issue.

#### NOTICE TO OUR READERS

In the March and again in the April issue of the Braille Book Review there was a notice to readers stating that those of you who wished to continue with the magazine should ask for a renewal before May 1st. Evidently many who really value the Book Review failed to read the notice and therefore did not write. These names were accordingly dropped from the mailing list. If you will notify the American Printing House for the Blind, 1839 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville 6, Kentucky, we shall be glad to resume regular service to you. The June issue is exhausted.



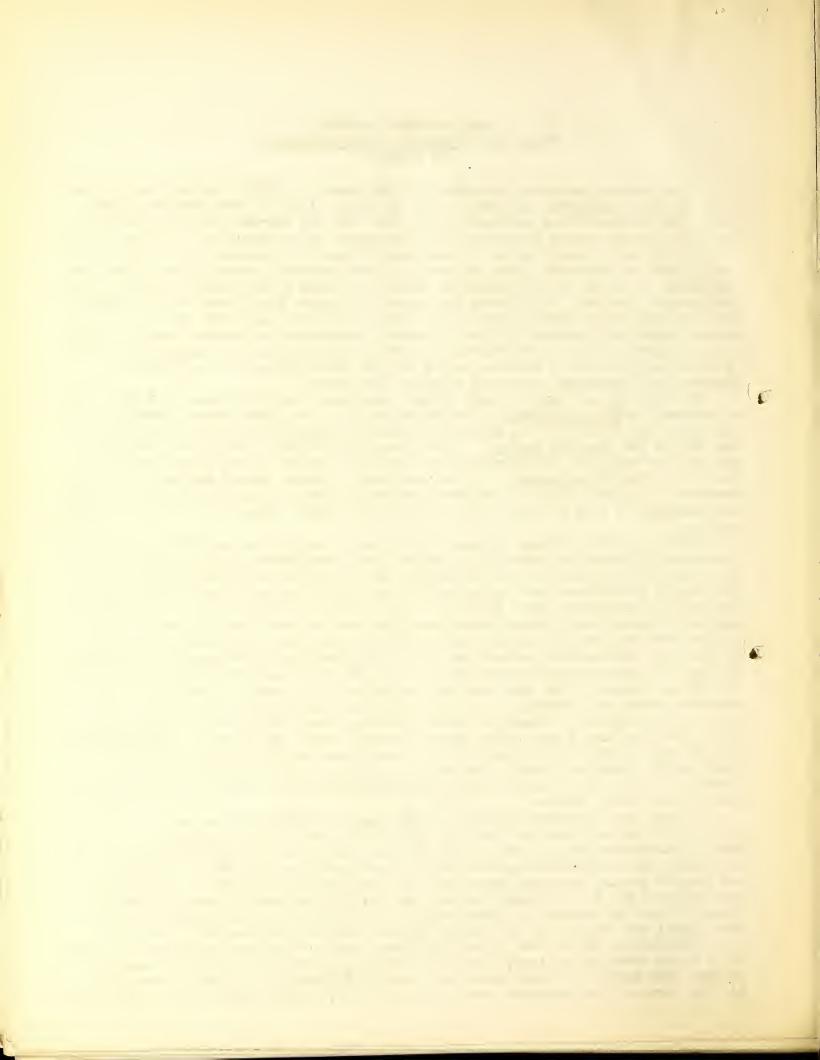
# Taken from Twentieth Century Authors By Request

David Herbert Lawrence (September 11, 1885-March 2, 1930), English novelist, poet essayist, and playwright, was born at the colliery village of Eastwood, Nottinghamshire, son of John Arthur Lawrence, coal miner, who had married Lydia Beardsall, a teacher, a woman several stages above him in manner and cultivation. The boy was one of five children, brought up in an atmosphere of poverty, brutality, and drink. An early attack of pneumonia sowed the seeds of tuberculosis. Lawrence was a frail and fastidious child who was encouraged to develop his mind by his mother, to whom he was passionately devoted. At thirteen he entered Nottingham High School with a scholarship. Leaving at sixteen, he was a clerk for a short time and then went to the British School at Eastwood as a pupil teacher. Ambitious to become a certified teacher, he entered the training department of University College, Nottingham, at the age of eighteen, and after a two-year course won his certificate and was appointed to Davidson Road elementary school at Croydon, near London.

Meanwhile he had begun to write verse, encouraged by an Eastwood girl who figure as "Miriam" in "Sons and Lovers." His friendship with her (not liason) continued some ten years, and it was she who gave him a start by copying five of his poems and sending them to the "English Review." Ford Madox Hueffer (later Ford), who was then editing this magazine, published several, invited Lawrence to call, and handed over his novel, "The White Peacock," to the publisher's reader, Edward Garnett, who recommended it for publication. The book came out in January 1911, but Lawrence's pride was submerged by deep gloom over the death of his mother, which had occurred a month earlier.

Though the novel brought in only fifty pounds Lawrence now decided to live by literature, quitting his school with an excellent reputation. In April 1912 he called on Professor Ernest Weekley, of Nottingham, to inquire as to the possibilities of a lectureship in a German university, and instantly fell in love with Weekley's wife a lady of thirty-one with three children. Mrs. Weekley was born Frieda von Richthofen, daughter of Baron von Richthofen, military governor of Metz. Before long it was evident that she reciprocated Lawrence's feelings, and in a few weeks the two threw in their lot together and set out for Metz. Not unnaturally the Baron was uncongenial; so for a time Lawrence stayed at Waldbröl, in the Rhineland, while Frieda remained with her people. They then reunited and stayed for a space at Isartal, Bavaria, perforce living very frugally. In August they went to Austria, and thence on foot over the Brenner Pass to Gargnano, on Lake Garda, where they remained until April 1913. They had only a very little money accruing from a second novel, "The Trespasser" Housekeeping on next to nothing was a new experience for Frieda, and of the two Lawrence was the practical hand at cooking and cleaning. During 1913 had appeared Lawrence's first book of poems, "Love Poems and Others" and a novel, "Sons and Lovers, which showed mature powers.

In July 1914 Professor Weekley's <u>decree nisi</u> against Frieda was made absolute and she at once married Lawrence. By this time he had some little reputation and a literary acquaintance which included John Middleton Murry and his wife Katherine Mansfield, Cynthia and Herbert Asquith, (Sir) Edward Marsh, and Sir Walter Raleigh. The war brought special problems, practical and psychological. Lawrence's pulmonary weakness debarred him from military service, but Frieda's nationality was in itself a cause of trouble, especially as her cousin, Baron Manfred von Richthofen, became the most famous and intrepid of the German airmen. Lawrence and his wife lived in or near London until towards the end of 1915 they took a cottage in the hamlet of Zennor, a few miles south of St. Ives, Cornwall, remaining in this wild spot some eighteen months. The Murrys were with them for a time, relationships varying between cordiality and strain. The Lawrences were most indiscreet, being careless with their lights



though living on the coast, and singing German songs in their cottage at night. They became the objects of deep suspicion on the part of the authorities, and in October 1917 were ordered by the police to leave Zennor and not to reside in any prohibited area.

During these first three years of conflict Lawrence had done a great deal of work, in spite of grave unsettlement and deep disgust with the war. He had written "The Prussian Officer," "The Rainbow," which was condemned as obscene and the entire edition destroyed, "Twilight in Italy, a volume of verse, "Amores," and a book dealing with his life with Frieda, called "Look! We Have Come Through."

After leaving Zennor, Lawrence wrote little for some months. From 1917 to 1922, the Lawrences, who were great travellers, had spent their time in London and on the Continent. During this period he wrote "The Lost Girl," "Women in Love," "Second Sardinia," a quick, joyous, unconventional record of a journey, and also "Psycho-

analysis and the Unconscious" and the "Fantasia of the Unconscious."

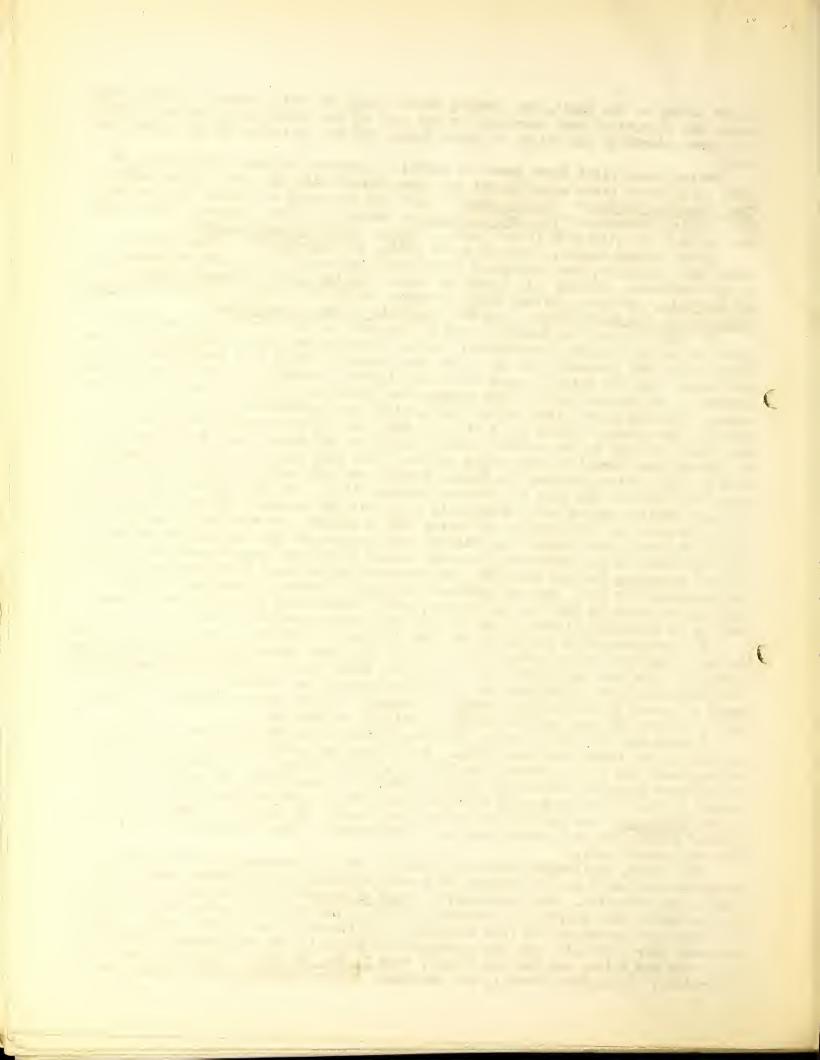
In 1922 they went to Australia which, however, proved to be only a stepping place on the way to Taos, New Mexico, whither Lawrence had been recommended by Mabel Dodge Luhan, who persuaded him by letter that there he would find health and the conditions for the establishment of an intellectual community (of which he had long dreamed). He arrived there in the autumn, and after three months moved to Del Monte ranch, seventeen miles higher up in the Rockies, but wintered in old Mexico for warmth. The autumn of 1923 saw a visit to England, Frieda preceding "Lorenzo" (as he was always called) by two months. They returned to Del Monte ranch (now presented to them by Mrs. Luhan) in the spring of 1924. The next winter was spent in Mexico. Late in 1925, after revising The Plumed Serpent and suffering a severe illness, Lawrence left America and went to live at Spotorno, Italy. At this place occurred one of those marital crises which illustrate very well the relations between him and his wife. He gave her the stimulus of living with a genius; she gave him peace and love; but at intervals they fought like tigers, not stopping at the throwing of crockery. They differed, be it remembered, in race, social class, and temperament, and Frieda's natural hankering for her children (she had none by Lawrence) often aroused jealousy and resentment in him. Here at Spotorno she rashly invited a daughter to stay. Lawrence riposted by inviting his sister, Ada. Before long the whole establishment went up in metaphorical smoke, and it took weeks to quench the flames.

For two years from the spring of 1926 he lived at Scadicci, near Florence, (with visits to England and to Austria for a cure), and there wrote "Lady Chatterly's Lovers" making no less than three versions. The book, which was privately set up in Florence, was prohibited both in England and the United States, and remains tabe; though thousands of copies must have been smuggled through. Trouble with copyrights resulted in

the appearance of many printed editions, chiefly in America.

During the Florentine period, Lawrence's health had gone from bad to worse and he had several times been near death. Two more years remained to him. He lived in Switzerland, and at Le Lavandou and Bandol, visited Mallorca. and revisited Florence. He had been painting since 1925, and in 1928 held an exhibition in London. It was raided by the police on grounds of immorality; and in 1929 the manuscript of his poems, "Pansies," was confiscated on the same count. He spent the winter of 1929-1930 at Bandol and in February went to a sanatorium at Vence, where he died at forty-four of tuberculosis.

The vivid, challenging genius of Lawrence and his preoccupation with sexual themes quickly made him the subject of a very considerable literature, much of it highly controversial. Middleton Murry's "Son of Woman" (1931) elaborated with subtlety the theory that Lawrence's extreme devotion to his mother amounted to a "mother-fixation" and prevented him from attaining fulfillment in love with a wife. Frieda Lawrence very naturally took the strongest exception to the publication of this book while she was alive, and her own volume, "Not I, But the Wind," should be read as a corrective. Catherine Carswell, Ada Lawrence, Ridhard Aldington, Mrs. Luhan, Dorothy



Brett and many others who knew him contributed to the flow of reminiscence and criticism.

Lawrence's whole powers were devoted to the pursuit of a fuller, freer, more intense life than is permitted by our industrial civilization and our social system. He was a quick worker but often re-wrote two or three times, writing out of doors when he could. He disliked discussion of his work, and lost interest in a book as soon as it was printed. Frieda records that the only newspapers she ever saw him read were the "Corriere della Sera" and the "Sydney Bulletin." In person Lawrence was tall, slight and frail, with gray eyes and a red beard.

Editor's note: Among this author's books the following are in braille:

Mornings in Mexico 2v Chicago, Philadelphia Sea and Sardinia 6v LC Sons and Lovers 9v Cincinnati, LC, N.Y. Guild

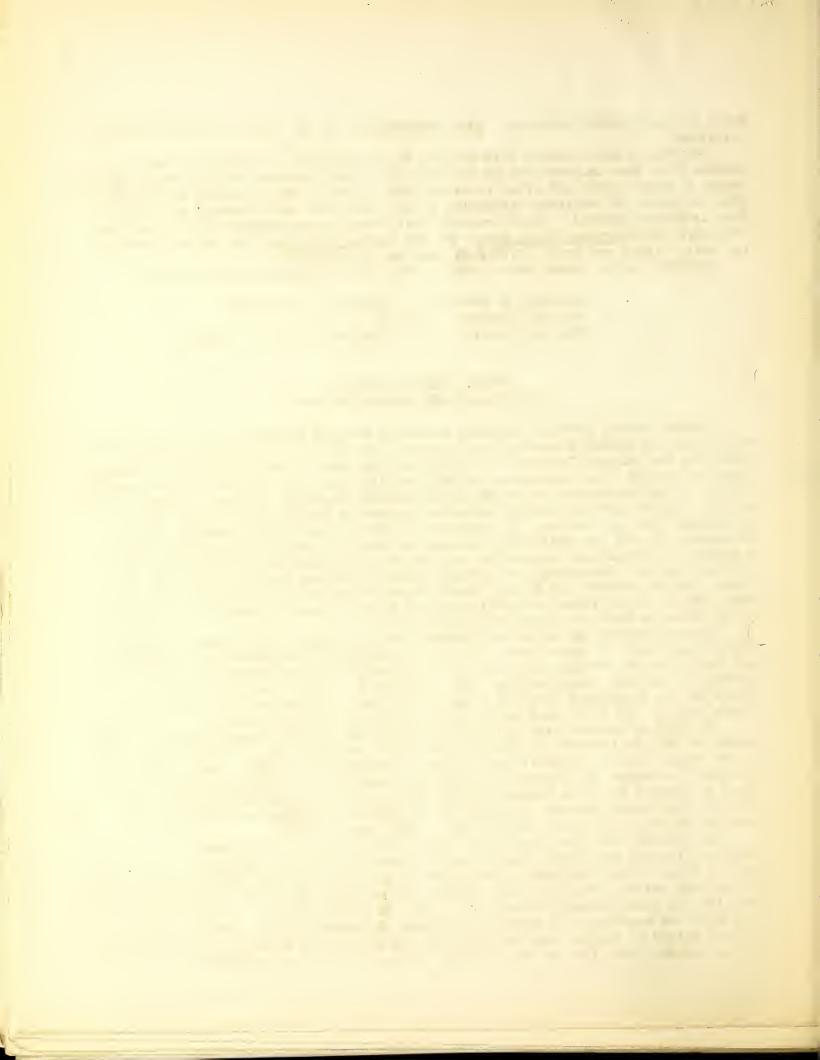
## DONALD CULROSS PEATTIE From "Twentieth Century Authors"

Donald Culross Peattie, American writer on natural history was born in Chicago. His father was Robert Burns Peattie, novelist, essayist, for many years literary critic on the Chicago "Tribune." Peattie was educated at the University of Chicago, which he entered on a scholarship in English literature won in a competitive examination. At the university he became interested in botanical studies. Leaving Chicago in 1918, he followed his family which had removed to New York, and there entered a publishing firm as a reader. He resigned in 1919 because of his growing interest in nature. He had now definitely decided on scientific studies, not with a view to a career as a scientist, but as the only proper background and thorough training for a nature writer. Accordingly he entered Harvard, and was graduated in 1922, cum laude. He was awarded the Witter Bynner Prize in poetry for that year; and at the same time his first formal scientific papers began to appear, based on botanical explorations in North Carolina and Indiana.

"He now entered the office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction of the United States Department of Agriculture. In 1923 he married Louise Redfield, the novelist, and they lived in northern Virginia. At the end of 1924 he resigned from the Department to do free lance writing. He conducted for eleven years thereafter a nature column in the Washington "Evening Star," which was later resumed in the Chicago "Daily News." His first book was a popular study in economic botany.

"In 1928 he removed with his wife and three sons to the French Riviera. In the autumn of 1933 he returned to America with fresh eyes for it; and lived three years on one square mile of Illinois land without leaving it overnight. "An Almanac for Moderns," published in 1935 received the gold medal of the Limited Editions Club. He lives at present in Santa Barbara, California, whither he removed for the sake of contact with western nature. In 1936 he was granted a Guggenheim Fellowship for creative writing, which was renewed for another year in 1937.

Mr. Peattie says that the salient fact about his work is his "dual activity in the fields of science and poetry which combine, finally in nature writing." As his wife said of him, he has "the keenly trained eye of the scientist and the vision of the poet. He has been called "America's most lyrical naturalist." He is "in love with nature," and with the great naturalists as well - with Audubon above all. A heavy set man with dark hair and moustache, he might be a college professor, or the working scientist he did not intend to become; but one would not suspect him of being the poet he inherently is; though a poet for the most part in prose. It does not invalidate the beauty



of "Green Laurels," "Singing in the Wilderness," "Flowering Earth," or "An Almanac for Moderns" that they are grounded in a thorough scientific foundation. Mr. Peattie is a simple, friendly man, "a man who speaks to strangers," with a keen sense of humor, and to quote Mark Van Doren, "a sharp and wide vision of the world." In 1941 his autobiographical "The Road of a Naturalist" was awarded a prize of \$2,500 by Houghton Mifflin; and was one of the first two books published in the company's Life in America series.

Editor's note: Among the author's books the following are in braille or Talking Book form:

An Almanac for Moderns BIA
Audubon's America 26r AFB
A Book of Hours lv BIA
The Flowering Stone 2v BIA
Forward the Nation 2v APH
Green Laurels 3v CPH
A Prairie Grove 2v CPH
The Road of a Naturalist 3v APH
Singing in the Wilderness 2v BIA
A Gathering of Birds, edited by Peattie

#### Hand-copied Books

This is a list of hand-copied books recently reported by the libraries. Unless otherwise indicated, these books are in Grade 2.

How to locate hand-copied books in libraries: Following each title in this list you will find either a group of initials or the name of a city. These are the abbreviations for the names of the libraries for the blind and indicate the library in which you will find the book. A key to these abbreviations, giving the names and addresses of each library and publishing house, is included in every January and June issue.

Abbott, Jane. The outsiders. 4v 1948 NYPL
The story of a New Hampshire valley town. The grand-daughter of the town's late mill
owner, who had grown up outside the community, takes over the mills. Her fight for
recognition among the town's conservative inhabitants is aided by the town's other
"outsiders."

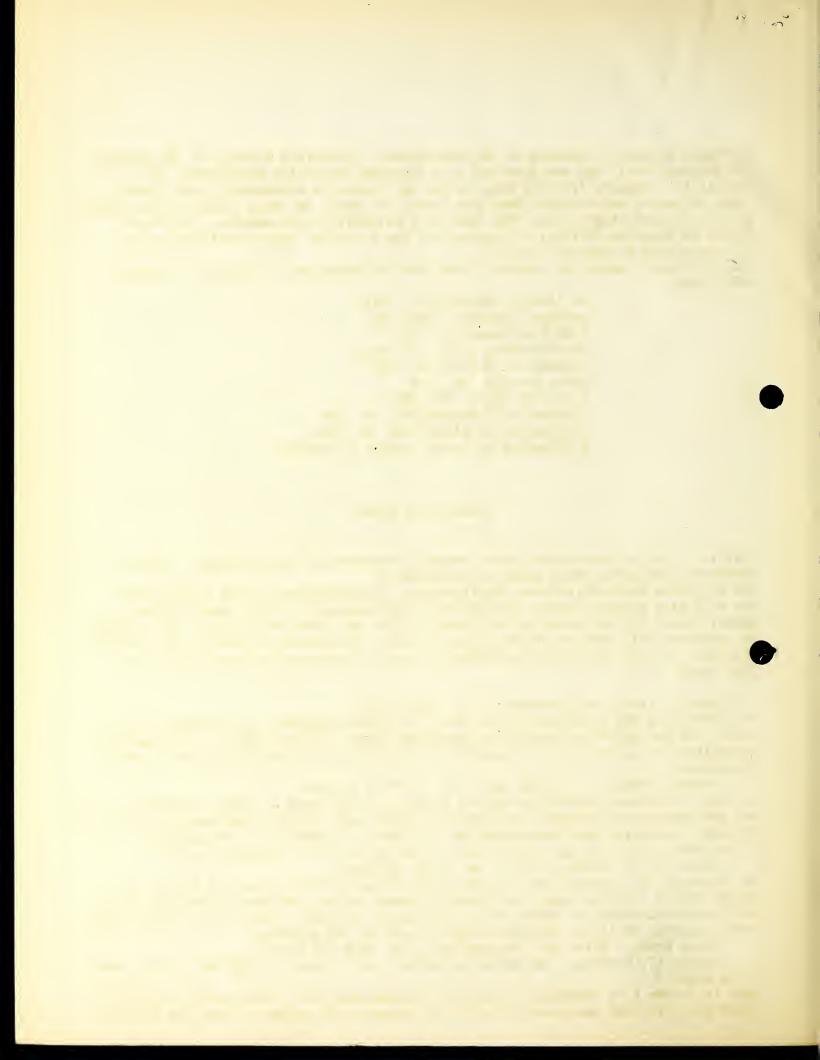
Askham, Francis. Foolish wind. 4v 1947 N Y Guild
Morelia, a mythical country in Central Europe, is the scene of Hugh Percheron's quest
for information concerning an obscure poet whose life story is something of a mystery.
Intrigue, assassination, revolution and the final restoration of the monarchy, with
a love theme thrown in for good measure, make up the tale. Library Journal

Brace, G. W. Summer's tale. 4v 1949 NY Guild
The scene of this summer idyll is the August Islands off the coast of Maine, The
ruling family were charming, civilized, informed people, and made a habit of marrying Boston heiresses, so there was always plenty of money. This is the story of the
summer Anthony Wyatt, an American author, spent on the islands.

Case, Frank. Tales of a Wayward Inn. 5v 1938 NY Guild

Churchill, Winston. The gathering storm. 10v Grade 3 1948 NYPL This book is in grade 3

This is volume I of Churchill's projected five-volume work, "The Second World War," which he calls 'the unnecessary war.' The theme of the volume is 'how the English-



speaking peoples through their unwisdom, carelessness and good nature allowed the wicked to rearm.' Divided into two parts, the first covers the period 1919-1939, and includes chapters on the mistakes of the Allies after World War I, the rise and rearmament of the dictators, Spain, and the failure to preserve Austria and uphold Czechoslovakia. The second part covers the twilight war, 1939-1940, and is devoted largely to military matters. Library Journal.

Daly, Maureen, editor. My favorite stories. 3v 1948 NYPL

A collection of the author's favorite stories of young people.

Dolson, Hildegarde. We shook the family tree. 2v 1946 NY Guild Memories of the author's youth, when she and her family lived in a small Pennsylvania town. The last chapter describes her experiences in her first jobs in New York.

Enders, Elizabeth Crump. Temple bells and silver sails. 4v 1925 Philadelphia

Travel and description of China.

French language: Rousseau, Jean-Jacques. Confessions; edited by Pierre Richard. 2v NY Guild

Famous autobiography, in which the author frankly reveals details of his erratic and rebellious life.

Hine, Reginald L. Confessions of an uncommon attorney. 5v 1945 NY Guild

Autobiography

Hurok, S. Impressario, written in collaboration with Mrs Ruth Goode. 5v 1946 NYPL

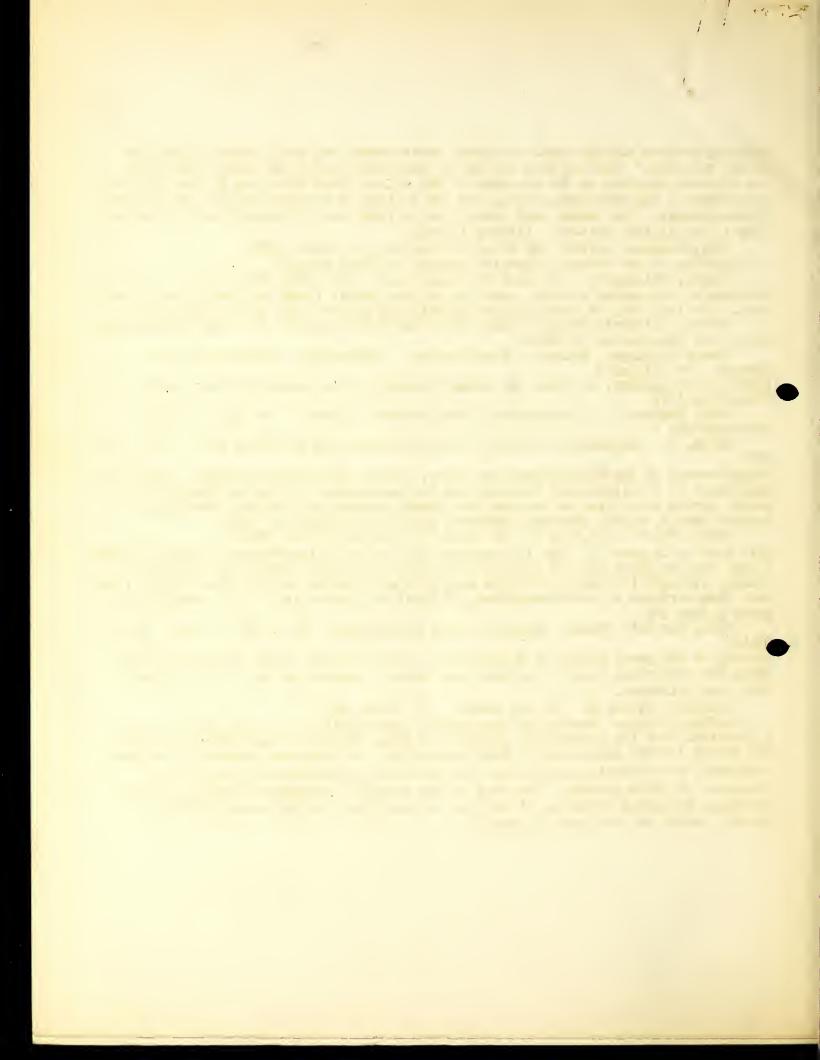
Reminiscences of the Russian-American opera, ballet, and theater-manager. With the assistance of a collaborator he describes his experiences of the past thirty-odd years, during which time he managed such famous artists as: Pavlova, Chaliapin, Isadora Duncan, Marian Anderson, Markova, Danilova, Lichina and Dolin. James, Henry. The turn of the screw. 2v Grade 3 1949 NYPL

This book is in grade 3. The tale employs the device of impressions conveyed through a mind into which we are led without any romantic nonsense. There are two evil beings, straight from hell, who have secured a grip on the souls of two children, and made them partners in the abominations of their own secret life. Also available in grade 2 from APH

Kane, Har nett Thomas. Natchez on the Mississippi. 7v G ade  $1\frac{1}{2}$  1947 NY

History of the great houses of Natchez, and stories of the people who built them. Among the historical figures included are: Andrew Jackson, and his Rachel, Aaron Burr, and Wilkerson.

Lindlahr, Victor H. Eat and reduce. 3v 1939 NYPL McHugh, Gelolo. Developing your child's personality. 3v 1947 NYPL A practical book for prospective parents and those caring for very young children. The author teaches psychology at Duke University. He advocates planned rather than incidental or accidental parenthood, and stresses responsibilities as well as pleasures of child rearing. The book covers in detail rudiments of child care and training, including formation of habits, sex learning, use and understanding of speech, social and emotional learning.



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#### Book Announcements Press-made Books

All press-made or Talking Books here noted are provided by the Federal Government. Copies of these government-supplied books are placed in the twenty-six regional libraries, which serve the blind. A list of these libraries appears regularly in the January and June numbers of the magazine. Readers are required to borrow books from the library designated by the Library of Congress to serve their respective territories. In the list which follows, the first book notation in every instance should be cre-

Balzac, Honore. The short novels of Balzac; with an introduction by Jules Romains. 7v 1948 HMP Contents: Gobseck. At the sign of the Cat and Racket. Maitre Cornelius. Colonel Chabert. The Vicar of Tours. Louis Lambert. Juana. A commission in lunacy. The secrets of the Princesse de Cadignan. Paz.

dited to the Book Review Digest unless another source is given.

Barnouw, Erik. Handbook of radio writing; an outline of techniques and markets in radio writing in the United States. 4v 1947 APH A revised edition of one of the standard books on radio writing, recommended by Corwin, Oboler, Wishengrad and used as a text for many courses in radio. One section is given over to the script of a thirty-minute condensation of Macbeth which illustrates both the wonder and the horror of radio. Theatre Arts.

Bassett, Sara Ware. White sail. 3v 1949 APH Novel of Cape Cod. Light and pleasant romance.

Bowen, Elizabeth. Death of the heart. 4v 1938 BIA A fine spun, meticulously detailed story of the havoc of inharmonious relationships in a middle-class English family. For readers who like psychological analysis and subtlety.

Boy Scouts of America. Handbook for boys; fifth edition, adapted for the blind. 5v 1946 APH

Carroll; Gladys H. West of the hill. 3v 1949 APH Life in a small Maine community in the 1880's. This is the story of the first two years of the married life of Brad Hartwell and Molly Dennis.

Chase, Mary Ellen. lv The plum tree. 1940 APH

A head nurse in a home for aged women is the heroine of this novelette.

Churchill, Winston. The crossing. 7v 1903 APH By the American novelist, not to be confused with Churchill, ex-Prime Minister of England. Time of Clark's military achievements in the West, and of Daniel Boone. Shows the growth of political ideas, besides giving a picture of events and life generally in the Revolution and post-Revolution periods. Virtually ends with the Louisiana Purchase. Of the various historic figures, Clark is the most prominent.

Cross, Milton. Complete stories of the great operas. lv 1947 APH The stories of 72 operas, many of them in the repertory of the Metropolitan Opera Company. Three chapters give brief comments on how to enjoy an opera, and the ballet in opera. Selected reading guide. 1 a tout

Flaubert, Gustave. Salammbo. lv 1901 APH
First appeared in French in 1862. Salammbo is a Carthaginian princess, sister of Hannibal; and the history of the imperial city of Africa in its death-struggle with the revolted mercenaries fills a succession of gorgeous and appalling scenes. Baker's best.

 Forbes, Esther. Running of the tide. 8v 1948 CPH Chronicles the life of Salem, Mass., from 1795 until after the war of 1812. During those years, Salem reached the peak of her golden age, with her ships sailing to all quarters of the globe and returning with rich cargoes. The novel describes principally the lives of the various Inmans, a family of Salem shipowners, tracing their rise to wealth and their decline as ship owners.

Gunther, John. Death be not proud, a memoir. 2v 1949 BIA
A biographical sketch written by John Gunther, in memory of his brave young son,
who died June 30, 1947 at the age of 17. For fifteen months, the boy had fought a
gallant fight against brain tumor, but his own fighting spirit, the loving care of
his father and mother, and all that medical science could do, did not save his life.
The final chapter of the book was written by his mother. An eloquent and beautiful
book. The title is taken from a poem by John Donne.

Hagedorn, Hermann. Americans: a book of lives. 5v 1946 APH
Biographical sketches of seventeen Americans who made outstanding contributions to
American life during the twentieth century. The sketches were originally written
for foreign reading. Those included are: Samuel Langhorne Clemens, Oliver Wendell
Holmes, Thomas Alva Edison, Luther Burbank, Booker T. Washington, Theodore Roosevelt,
Woodrow Wilson, Jane Addams, John Dewey, Louis Dembitz Brandeis, George Washington
Carver, Henry Ford, Helen Keller, Will Rogers, Herbert Hoover, Franklin Delano
Roosevelt, Wendell Willkie.

Haines, W.W. Slim. 4v 1934 BIA

This story of a southern farm boy and his success against heavy odds offers enough of danger, love, fine comradeship and adventure to interest most readers.

James, M.R. Selections from the Collected ghost stories. 2v NIB Panda # 131 Price ls (Not a publication of the U.S. Government)

These masterly stories have the eerie atmosphere, the suspension, the authentic thrill and shiver, of the actual supernatural experience. Available from NYPL

Jordan, Philip D. The national road. 5v 1948 APH
History of the old National Road or Cumberland road (now called U.S. 40) and the
opening up of the territory through which it passed. Although the road was begun
at Cumberland, Maryland, in 1807, the book begins with George Washington's attempt
to negotiate with the French and Indians in 1753. The history of the road is traced
as it advanced across a small part of Pennsylvania and what is now the West Virginia
road to Wheeling. For a time it was delayed by Congress and engineering difficulties
but eventually it crossed Ohio, Indiana, and into Illinois.

Kantor, MacKinlay. The good family. lv 1949 HMP A novelette describing the life of a family during the depression years. Written with delicacy and warm sympathy.

Kipling, Rudyard. Complete Stalky and Co. 4v 1897-1940 BIA Collection of short stories.

LaFarge, Christopher. All sorts and kinds. 3v 1940-1949 APH Collection of Mr. LaFarge's more recent short storics, seventeen in all, including three previously unpublished. Stress is on character rather than plot and action. Library Journal.

Lehmann, Lotte. My many lives. lv 1948 APH
The author interprets her various operatic roles, giving her philosophy of each.
Includes many comments on other opera singers and musicians she has known.

Lofts, North Here was a man; a romantic history of Sir Walter Raleigh, his voyages, his discoveries and his Queen. 3v 1936 APH An episodic story of Raleigh's rise to favor with Queen Elizabeth, his clandestine love affair, and marriage to the Queen's maid of honor, and his subsequent loss of power. He is pictured as a fascinating, romantic figure.

McFee, William. Family trouble. 3v 1949 HMP
Mr. Spenlove, retired from the English merchant marine, is living happily with his wife in their beautiful English home. The family trouble which develops provides an evening's pleasant, relaxing reading. It is an absorbing tale.

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Mason, A.E.W. Four feathers. 4v 1901 APH
Painful story, worked out with power and beauty, of the restoration of a brave man,
who, in morbid fear of showing cowardice, becomes a coward in the eyes of friends.
N.Y. State Library.

Materi, Irma T. Irma and the Hermit; my life in Korea. 2v 1949 HMP Humorous story about the difficulties of keeping house in Korea, where the author,

wife of a U.S. army major, spent a year and a half.

Mitchell, S. Weir. Hugh Wynne, free Quaker; sometime brevet lieutenant-colonel on the staff of His Excellency General Washington. 5v 1896 CPH Autobiographical story of the revolution. Introduces Washington, Andre, Dr. Rush and others. Excellent in portrayal of times and character. N.Y. State Library.

Osborn, Fairfield. Our plundered planet. 2v 1948 APH
A survey of the lessening of earth's natural resources, which science has not been
able to counteract, and which together with the gradual rise in population causes
a growing menace to the future. The author sums up in one sentence: "The tide of
the earth's population is rising, the reservoir of the earth's living resources is
falling."

Pearson, Haydn S. Success on the small farm. 3v 1946
The author offers a program for making a cash profit of \$3000 a year from a one-man farm of ten or twelve acres.

Richter, Conrad. Early Americana, and other stories. 3v 1934 BIA Contents: Early Americana. Smoke over the prairie. New home. Long drought. Frontier woman. As it was in the beginning. Buckskin vacation. Square piano. Early marriage.

Spanish language. Polanco, Vicente Geigel. El despertar de un pueblo.

2v 1942 APH Fiction

Stimson, Henry L., and McGeorge Bundy. On active service in peace and war. 8v 1948 CPH

This biography of "active service in peace and war" is based on the diaries, correspondence, speeches and other papers of Henry L. Stimson, who has held public office under every president of the U.S., from Theodore Roosevelt to Truman, with the exception of Harding. Over half of the long book deals with World War II.

Thurber, James. The beast in me, and other animals. 3v 1928-1948 APH A collection of Thurber's short pieces; including four short stories, a long report on soap opera, and articles from the New Yorker's "Talk of the Town" department.

Van Doren, Carl. Great rehearsal, the story of the making and ratifying of the Constitution of the United States. 5v 1948 APH
The history of the secret sessions of the Constitutional convention which met during the summer of 1787 in Philadelphia. No formal record of the conference was kept, but the author has pieced together his account from personal notes, shorthand diaries kept by some of the members, and other original sources.

Vestal, Stanley, pseudonym. Dobe walls; a story of Kit Carson's Southwest.

3v 1929 BIA

An historical romance. The scene is a fort on the Santa Fe trail. Through the tale of adventure and Indian scrimmage runs a love story.

Webster, Elizabeth C. Ceremony of innocence. 2v 1949 HMP Novel of life in a South African Anglican convent and the havoc wrought there by a psychic novice.

Webster, Polly. How to make money at home. 4v 1949 BIA 187 case-histories in varying degrees of fullness of detail, ranging from an intriguing idea to a full description of the conduct of the operation, or part—to full—time money—making activities carried on in or from the home. Products of the kitchen, sewing rooms, workshop, garden, and a wide range of services are included. Supplemented by practical hints on selling, packaging, delivering and legal requirements.

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Bauer, Florence. Abram, son of Terah. 34r 2pts 1948 Read by James Baskerville APH Novel based on the life of Abram, son of Terah, of the city of Ur of the Chaldees. The course of his life is followed up to the time of his marriage with Sarah.

Brace, G.W. A summer's tale. 16r 1949 Read by George Patterson APH
The scene of this summer idyll is the August Islands off the coast of Maine. The
islands were uncharted because they belonged neither to the United States nor to
Canada. The inhabitants were descendants of French refugees who had settled there
before the pilgrims landed, and the descendants of some English pirates. This is
the story of the summer that an American author spent there.

Brown, John Mason. Morning faces; a book of children and parents. 8r 1949

Read by Lauren Gilbert AFB

Sketches celebrating the excitements, disappointments, surprises, and joys of being the parent of two small boys. Most of the essays appeared first in the author's

"Seeing Things" in the "Saturday Review of Literature"

Canby, Henry Seidel, andRobeson Bailey, editors. The book of the short story.

40r 2 pts 1948 Read by Kenneth Meeker APH

This is a revised edition of a standard collection, made some fifty years ago, and now brought up to date with the inclusion of nine additional stories representing the late 19th and 20th centuries. Dr. Canby's introduction, too, has been expanded to represent, historically, the major trends and outstanding figures in the short story field at its peak. There are twenty-seven short stories in the collection, ranging from an Egyptian story of about 2500 B.C. to stories of Katherine Mansfield, Sherwood Anderson, Ring Lardner, Hemingway, S.V. Benet, Joyce. Kirkus.

Chevigny, Hector, and Sydell Braverman. Adjustment of the blind. 17r 1950

Read by Hector Chevigny and Kermit Murdock AFB

The author of "My Eyes have a cold Nose" (available in braille and Talking Book) has joined with a clinical psychologist to write this book on some of the social and personal psychological problems of blindness. The authors have done a highly commendable job and a great service to the blind

commendable job, and a great service to the blind.

Croy, Homer. Jesse James was my neighbor. 13r 1949 Read by Milton Metz APH "Mr. Croy was born in the Jesse James country a year after the desperado's death. In this book, he sets out to round up the whole story of the James boys, from the Civil War days, when Jesse and Frank were riding with Quantrell's guerrillas, to Jesse's death at the hands of Bob Ford, while the outlaw was dusting a picture on the wall. The author names every one of his sources and has traced all the surviving members of the James family, in addition to visiting the scenes of many of Jesse's crimes and talking to eyewitnesses, and he even gives a necrology of the twenty-eight bandits who at one time or another rode with the gang." N.Y. Times. But, Horace Reynolds, in the Christian Science Monitor, writes that, "Mr. Homer Croy is a good storyteller but he is not too queasy about sifting fact from fiction. Some of what he states as fact is surely folk lore."

Dahl, Borghild, M. I wanted to see; with a foreword by William L. Benedict. llr 1944 Read by Terry Hayes APH

The author was nearly blind from childhood until a few years ago. Despite her handicap, she finished her college course, became a teacher in high school and then college; lectured and reviewed books. Finally, two operations at the Mayo clinic gave her more sight than she had ever had before. Her book describes her life from childhood to the operation which saved her sight.

Disraeli, Benjamin, first Earl of Beaconsfield. Coningsby. 36r 2 pts Read

by Richard Wessel NIB 33 1/3 rpm

First published 1844. Coningsby is the grandson of a profligate marquess. His

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friendships, his social experiences, and entry into political life entail a review of the political condition of England (1832-4), and criticism of the misgovernment and undefined principles of the Tories under Peel and their anti-reform manoeuvres Disraeli was twice Prime Minister of England under Queen Victoria. Baker's best.

Fergusson, Erna. Dancing gods, Indian ceremonials of New Mexico and Arizona.

14r 1931 Read by Jean Clos APH

The author describes the ceremonials of the Pueblo, Navajo, and Apache Indians with appreciation of their religious significance and value as art, presenting at the same time sympathetic glimpses of Indian life and character.

Fowler, Gene. Beau James (the life and times of Jimmy Walker). 28r 2pts

Read by Kermit Murdock AFB

Sympathetic biography of Jimmy Walker, who was a famous figure in New York politics and night life in the 1920's.

Freeman, Douglas Southall. George Washington, a biography. Volume I Young

Washington 34r 2 pts 1948 Read by Walter Gerard APH

The first volume of a projected six, by the author of a monumental life of Robert E. Lee. These volumes, subtitled, "The Young Washington," beginning with Washington's ancestry and the setting of his story in the midst of the Virginia aristocracy, carry the story of his life and early career to the age of twenty-seven.

Gannett, Lewis. Cream hill; discoveries of a week-end countryman. 12r 1949

Read by John Knight AFB

Twenty-five years ago the author bought land and an old house in Connecticut. At first the family used it for summer vacations and week ends, but gradually it became the favorite family residence—in fact, a home. These reminiscences are of the early years. They describe the discovery of an ancestor who once owned land in the town; town characters; and other subjects. There is even a chapter on the wearing of beards by various generations of American men.

Hall, Melvin. Bird of time. 19r 1949 Read by Morris Flournoy APH Colonel Hall, American army officer, has been through two world wars, lived an interesting and adventurous life between, and is a born story teller. Now, in his Burgundian home in France, he describes the country, his neighbors, wine-making, while branching out to recall odd episodes of the first war, his adventures as an American official in Persia, experiences in Siam, Japan, Russia and hunting in Maine. Variety and plenty of humor are in this sequel to "The End of an Era" which is available as a Talking Book.

McCrone, Guy. Aunt Bel. 15r 1949 Read by Livingston Gilbert APH Continuation of the chronicle of the Glasgow Moorhouses begun in "Red Plush," which is available as a Talking Book. The time is the 1890's and Bel Moorhouse is the central character who has become a sort of family social arbiter.

Marshall, Robert K. Little squire Jim. 15r 1949 Read by Hugh Fellows AFB A story of North Carolinian mountain folks and particularly the story of the boy, James Braxton Boyden, son of Big Jim Boyden and a Catholic mother.

Peterson, Houston, editor. Great teachers. 23r 2 pts 1946 Read by William Gladden APH

An anthology of firsthand accounts of some great teachers, "as portrayed by those who studied under them." The twenty-two sketches include such figures as Emerson, Rodin, Mark Hopkins, William James, Woodrov Wilson, Cesar Franck, and many less well-known figures.

Runyon, Damon. Guys and dolls; Money from home; Blue plate special. 35r 2 pts 1931-1945 Read by Burt Blackwell APH

These three stories are included in the Damon Runyon omnibus. The author was an American journalist and short story writer who has interpreted the semi-literate American in slangy Americanese and with unusual observation. After his death by cancer, a large sum was raised for a cancer research foundation to bear his name.

Seymour, Mrs. Beatrice Kean. Family group. 16r 1942 Read by Franklin Engelman NIB 33-1/3 rpm

Post-war re-adjustment of an English family.

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Walker, Mildred. Winter wheat. 19r 1944 Read by Terry Hayes APH
This is a regional novel in the best sense of the word. Ellen Webb, living on a
remote Montana ranch, is the heroine. It is a simple, uncomplicated story full of
moving incidents. The creation of Ellen's mother, Anna Webb, and the vivid sense
of place and region are themselves major achievements.

Winslow, Anne Goodwin. It was like this. 7r 1949 Read by Terry Hayes APH A love story of 19th century Mississippi. The author's admirable craftmanship, her ability to present setting, character and ideas skillfully, make this brief novel

one to be remembered with pleasure.

#### STUDENTS' LIBRARY, AMERICAN RED CROSS, NEW YORK CHAPTER

Due to lack of space and facilities for handling the books, the student library of the Service for the Blind, New York Chapter, American Red Cross, has been transferred to The New York Public Library.

All future requests for textbooks in the Red Cross Student Library should be addressed to the Library for the Blind, The New York Public Library, 137 West 25th Street, New York 1, N. Y.

### Proposed List of Braille Magazines

We have been asked to insert the following notice concerning an international list of braille magazines:

"The Dutch association of partially sighted and blind intellectuals, "Petronella Moens," intends to publish in braille and in letterpress a world-catalogue of braille magazines (about 200) mentioning all details in the language in which these are printed.

As the editors must have an approximate idea of the numbers of copies to be printed we request you to inform immediately the Sccretary of the Committee for International Contact, Koninginnestraat 37, Breda, Netherlands, in order to let him know how many braille or letter-press copies you want.

In view of the extensive work of collecting all data from about 26 countries and the costs arising from international distribution, payment and paper and printing, the price of this catalogue must be fixed at \$1.50 per copy. The amount can be paid through your own bank in the currency of your own country in due course.

As soon as the catalogue is available the copy or copies will be sent to you immediately after receipt of your remittance. Supplements will be sent free of charge to owners of the catalog."

Secretary for "International Contact,
Albert Klep

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### Hand-copied Books

This is a list of hand-copied books recently reported by the libraries. Unless otherwise indicated, these books are in Grade 2.

How to locate hand-copied books in libraries: Following each title in this list you will find either a group of initials or the name of a city. These are the abbreviations for the names of the libraries for the blind and indicate the library in which you will find the book. A key to these abbreviations, giving the names and addresses of each library and publishing house, is included in every January and June issue.

Barr, June. Writing and selling greeting cards. 1v 1946 Cleveland Beebe, Elswyth Thane. Light heart. '8v 1947 Cleveland This is one of a series, but it is a complete unit, not dependent for its interest on the other volumes, which are not in braille. The whole series is a chronicle of a Williamsburg, Virginia family. Most readable tale, written in the high romantic tradition of the old-fashioned novel.

Blakeslee, Alton L. Polio can be conquered. lv 1949 LC

Chamberlain, Mrs. Henriqueta. Where the sabia sings; a partial autobiography. 4v 1947 Cleveland.

Also available in Talking Book. Reminiscences of the author's happy childhood in Brazil. Her father was a Southern Baptist missionary, and she was born in Brazil, where she lived until coming to the United States to go to college. Although she is married now and has three American sons, her thoughts go back to the time when she wanted to be like other Brazilian girls in the land where the sabia sings.

Cournes, John. The story of a stranger. lv Cleveland Fiction

Ditmars, Raymond Lee. Thrills of a naturalist's quest. 4v 1947 NYPL Recently added to LC

Partly autobiographical, partly popularized science, much of this book is concerned with the author's study of snakes and his adventures in collecting them. (Available as a Talking Book)

Du Bois, Mrs. Theodora. The devil and destiny. 4v 1948 LC Detective story Gilbreth, F.B., Jr., and Mrs. E.M. Carey. Cheaper by the dozen. 3v NY Guild Recently added to Atlanta and Oklahoma. Also available as a Talking Book. In collaboration with Mother, Father had twelve children and this is the story by

two of them of what it was like to be raised in an "efficiency run" household. It is a gay and lighthearted book.

Goertz, Arthemise. The moon is mine. 8v 1948 LC

A sentimental light novel laid in the unromantic surroundings of Astoria, Long Island. Hobson, Laura Z. Gentleman's agreement. 5v 1947 NY Guild Chicago Recently added to Oklahoma.

Also available as a Talking Book. Novel based on the problem of anti-Semitism. Hutton, Graham. Midwest at noon. 10v 1946 LC

The author, an Englishman, came to the American midwest in 1937, where he spent the next five years as director of the Office of British Information. His book embodies his impressions of the life of our middle west, and is a comparison of that life with life in other parts of the U.S., or Europe.

Insurance: 575 questions and answers on casualty, health and accident insurance, by Agents Educational Bureau, Harrisburg, Pa. 3v Philadelphia

Insurance: 475 questions and answers on fire and marine insurance, by Agents Educational Bureau, Harrisburg, Pa. 3v Philadelphia.

James Neill. Dust on my heart. 5v 1946 NY Guild Recently added to Detroit Description of four years spent in Mexico.

King Arthur. 3v Grade  $1\frac{1}{2}$  1942 Philadelphia Fiction Laidlaw, Clara. The little black boys. 1v Cleveland Fiction

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Lyons, Eugene. Our unknown ex-President; a portrait of Herbert Hoover.
7v 1948 LC

A biography of Herbert Hoover in which the author attempts to refute the derogatory legends which have at various times become attached to his name.

Marsh, Ngaio. Final curtain. 6v 1947 LC Detective story Merriam, John C. The living past. lv Grade 3 1940 NYPL

This is in grade 3. It is also in grade 2, published by CPH. Excellent, well illustrated popular chapters on prehistoric animal and plant life in America, with some attention to geology.

Mid-west Debate Bureau, Jacksonville, Illinois. Debate handbook 4v Philadelphia Neumann, Daisy. Now that April's there. 4v 1944 Philadelphia
Two English refugee children return to puzzle their parents with their new American ideas. The author does an amusing job of ticking off the idiosyncracies of both English and Americans.

Newlin, E.C. May rain. lv Cleveland Poetry

Newman, Harry W., and others. Beekeeping for the blind. lv 1947 NYPL Peale, Norman Vincent, editor. Guideposts; personal messages of inspiration and faith; from "Guideposts" magazine. 4v Philadelphia

Pearson, Haydn Sanborn. How to run a one-man poultry farm. 2v 1947 LC Perelman, S.J. Westward Ha! or, Around the world in eighty cliches. 2v 1948 Cleveland

Hilarious account of a trip around most of the world.

Porter, Ella W. Footprints on the sand. 2v 1949 LC

Story of a summer in a girls' camp in northern Michigan. For grades seven to nine.
Posin, Daniel Q. Mendeleyev; the story of a great scientist. 9v 1948 LC

Fictionized biography of the Russian scientist, Mendeleyev, who created the periodic table of the elements.

Post, M.B. Dark spring. lv Cleveland Fiction

Sharp, Margery. Cluny Brown. 4v 1944 Recently added to NY Guild. Also LC, St. Louis. Available as Talking Book Light fiction

Shridharani, Krishnalal J. The Mahatma and the world. 4v 1946 LC, NY Guild. Recently added to Detroit. Deals with India's postwar problems.

Sondel, Bess. Are you telling them? 5v 1947 Cleveland

The author's purpose is to teach the reader "how to converse well and make speeches." Mrs. Sondel is a teacher of speech at the university college of the University of Chicago.

Spanish language: De la Barca, Calderon. El alcalde de Zalmea, comedia en tres jornadas y en verso. 2v NYPL

Spanish language: De Del Rio, Amelia, ed. Del solar hispanico, lectures de literatura Espanola e Hispano a mericano. (Selections) 2v 1945 NYPL

Spanish language: Robles, Jose. Cartilla Espanola. lv 1935 NYPL

Stubble mulch farming; Department of Agriculture, Bulletin 1997. lv LC

T'an, Pei-Ying. Building of the Burma Road. 4v 1945 Cleveland

"The purpose of this book is to give an idea of how the Burma Road was built, telling within the framework of the engineering project the story of an achievement by my countrymen. For the sake of the narration many of the technical details have been omitted." Preface

Tate, Marguerite. Twelve walked away. 2v 1948 LC A woman passenger, who is also the pilot's mother, describes an airplane crash and the days following it until "all twelve walked away" from the Alpine glacier with their rescue party.

Teasdale, Sara. Love songs. lv Cleveland Poetry

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Van den Broek, Gertrude. Guide for parents of a preschool blind child.

The author is on the staff of the New York State Commission for the Blind.

Wadelton, Mrs. Maggie-Jeanne. Gay, wild and free; from captain's wife to colonel's lady. 5v 1949 NYPL

The adventures, gay or otherwise, of the wife of an officer in the regular army. It recounts some of the hazards of trying to make a home in such places as tents, furnished rooms, non-plumbing hotels, and even a converted hospital. But even during the throes of moving thirty-one times in twenty-eight years, the author managed to have quite a bit of fun.

Wagoner, Jean B. Louisa Alcott; a girl of Old Boston. 2v 1943 Chicago Biography of Louisa M. Alcott, concentrating on her childhood days, and written for fourth and fifth grade children.

Wentworth, Patricia, pseudonym. Miss Silver comes to stay. 4v 1948 LC Detective story.

Wescott, Glenway. Grandmothers; a family portrait. 5v 1947 NY Guild A child pored over an old family album. From casual references and hints dropped from the lips of grown ups he pieced together a story for each pictured face. When ge grew up he put the stories into a book. (Available as a Talking Book)

Wood, Clement. The outline of man's knowledge, the story of history, science,

literature, art, religion, philosophy. 13v 1929 NYPL

Woolrich, Cornell. The blue ribbon. 3v 1949 NYPL A collection of short stories. Contents: The blue ribbon. The dog with the wooden leg. The lie. Hot towel. Wardrobe trunk. Wild Bill Hiccup. Subway. Husband.

### A SERVICE TO READERS

The coming of September may be said to close officially the vacation season and the demand for books suddenly jumps. Information by way of the printed word is eagerly sought. This quest for knowledge is felt in libraries throughout the land and is equally true in libraries for the blind.

The Braille Book Review stands ready to serve both readers and librarians by making bibliographies on special subjects within the modest limits of braille literature. The editor welcomes suggestions and requests from readers.

In this instance, readers are reminded of the newly published "Catalog of Press Braille Books Provided by the Library of Congress, 1931-1948." This is an inkprint catalog for free distribution to blind readers who request it. Supplements will be issued at intervals, but in the meantime you are advised to consult the Braille Book Review for current monthly publications in braille and also in Talking Book form.

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### Book Announcements Press-made Books

All press-made or Talking Books here noted are provided by the Federal Government. Copies of these government-supplied books are placed in the twenty-six regional libraries which serve the blind. A list of these libraries appears regularly in the January and June numbers of the magazine.

Readers are required to borrow books from the library designated by the Library of Congress to serve their respective territories.

In the list which follows, the first book notation in every instance should be credited to the Book Review Digest unless another source is given.

Beals, Carleton. Lands of the dawning tomorrow; the awakening from Rio Grande to Cape Horn. 5v 1948 APH

A study of the politics and economics of South America based partly on a recent nine months' journey about the continent, partly on the author's own knowledge gained through years of observation.

Blythe, Legette. Bold Galilean. 4v 1948 APH
A Biblical novel, the scene of which is Palestine during the last years of Christ's life. Christ's ministry is described as seen by the centurion whose faith healed his absent servant; by the tribune who conducted Him to the execution; by a leper; and by the disciple Peter.

Booth, Evangeline. General Evangeline Booth of the Salvation Army, by Philip W. Wilson. 4v 1948 APH

This history of the origin of the Salvation Army, founded in 1865, is also a biography of Evangeline Booth, who was born in the same year. The author, who was born and educated in England, was on the staff of the London Daily News for twenty-one years, and is now on the staff of the New York Times, has had an opportunity to know his subject on both sides of the Atlantic.

Bromfield, Louis. The wild country. 2v 1948 APH
Looking back, after more than forty years, upon the time when he was in his early
teens, the narrator describes the lives of his family and friends on a Missouri
farm. It is a story of human passions, not thoroughly understood at the time by
the boy, but clear in retrospect.

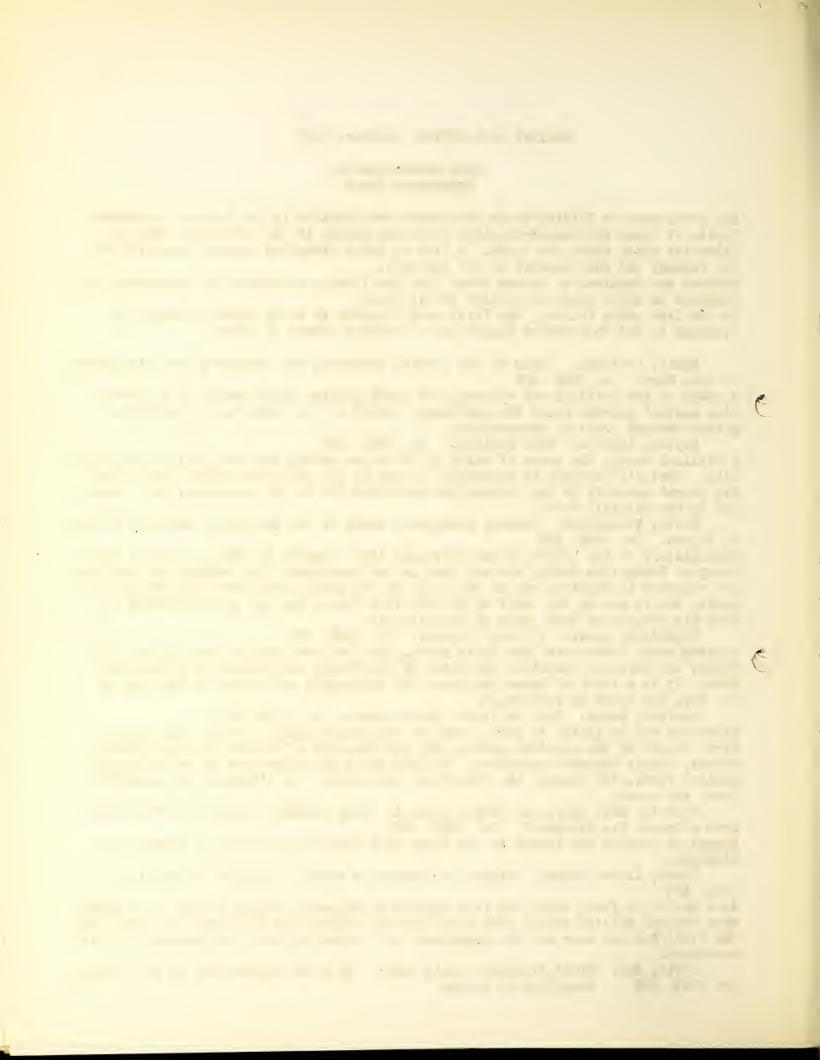
Copland, Aaron. What to listen for in music. 2v 1939 APH Discusses how to listen to music from the composer's point of view. The author first treats of the creative process and the elements of musical anatomy—rhythm, melody, simple harmonic structure. He then gives an explanation of the principal musical forms, the figure, the variation, the sonata, the symphony, the symphonic poem, the opera.

Corbett, Mrs. Lucy, and Sidney Corbett. Long windows; being more "Pot shots from a Grosse Ile kitchen." 2v 1948 APH
Essays on cooking and living in the house with long front windows at Grosse Ile, Michigan.

Crabb, Alfred Leland. Dinner at Belmont; a novel of captured Nashville. 5v 1942 APH

As a matter of fact, there are five dinners at Belmont, ranging in time from 1858, when General William Walker came home from his exploits in Nicaragua, to 1865, when the Civil War was over and the engagement of a Union officer to a Southern girl is announced.

Davis, Mac. Great American sports humor. With an introduction by Bill Stern.
3v 1949 APH Anecdotes of sports



De Ford, Miriam Allen. Psychologist unretired; the life pattern of Lillian J. Martin. lv 1949 APH

The life story of Dr. Lillien Martin, whose varied life ended in 1943, at the age of ninety-one. In her busy life Dr. Martin had several careers. She was first a school teacher; next, assistant professor of Psychology at Stanford University; then head of the first mental hygiene clinic for normal preschool shildren; pioneer in rehabilitation techniques for the aged; and traveler.

Farson, Negley. Way of a transgressor. 7v 1936 APH Autobiographical story of an American adventurer and journalist. "His book contains literally hundreds of episodes and anecdotes from the experiences of a fishing, sailing New Jersey boy who became a famous college athlete, an engineer in England, spent years in Czarist Russia bribing his way into orders for war goods, served with the Royal Flying Corps in Egypt, lay in the hospitals of several nations, went native in British Columbia, returned to sensational auto-sales promotion, sailed 3600 miles through Europe in a small boat, and then for ten years as a foreign correspondent dashed around to the trouble centers of a dozen countries." Nation.

Hedman, Martha. Uncle, Aunt and Jezebel. 3v 1949 APH A loving, amusing, only slightly fictionized, picture of life in a middle-class home in Helsinki, forty years ago. The author, who has since had a considerable success as an actress in Europe and America, lived with her uncle and aunt as a young girl, sympathized with both in their quarrels and reconciliations, pondering over the mystery of the unknown Jezebel, even while she pursued her own ambitions to become an actress with or without their approval.

Hough, Emerson. The Mississippi bubble; how the star of good fortune rose and set and rose again, by a woman's grace for one John Law of Lauriston. 3v 1902 APH Fiction.

Innes, Hammond, pseudonym. Blue ice. 3v 1949 CPH
A fast-moving story of a wild, double-barrelled chase, by yacht and over hazardous snow-clad Norwegian mountains (authentically described), after a fugitive from justicewho possesses the secret of the logation of immense mineral deposits. Assured and accomplished adventure. Library Journal.

Karig, Walter, editor. The pig in the parlor; not to mention turtles, skunks, skinks, canaries, cats, ocelots, dogs, white mice and bulbuls; being the story of the Karig's experiences with what are often referred to as household pets; with pungent and fragrant comment. lv 1949 APH A humorous chronicle of the animals belonging to the author and the members of his family.

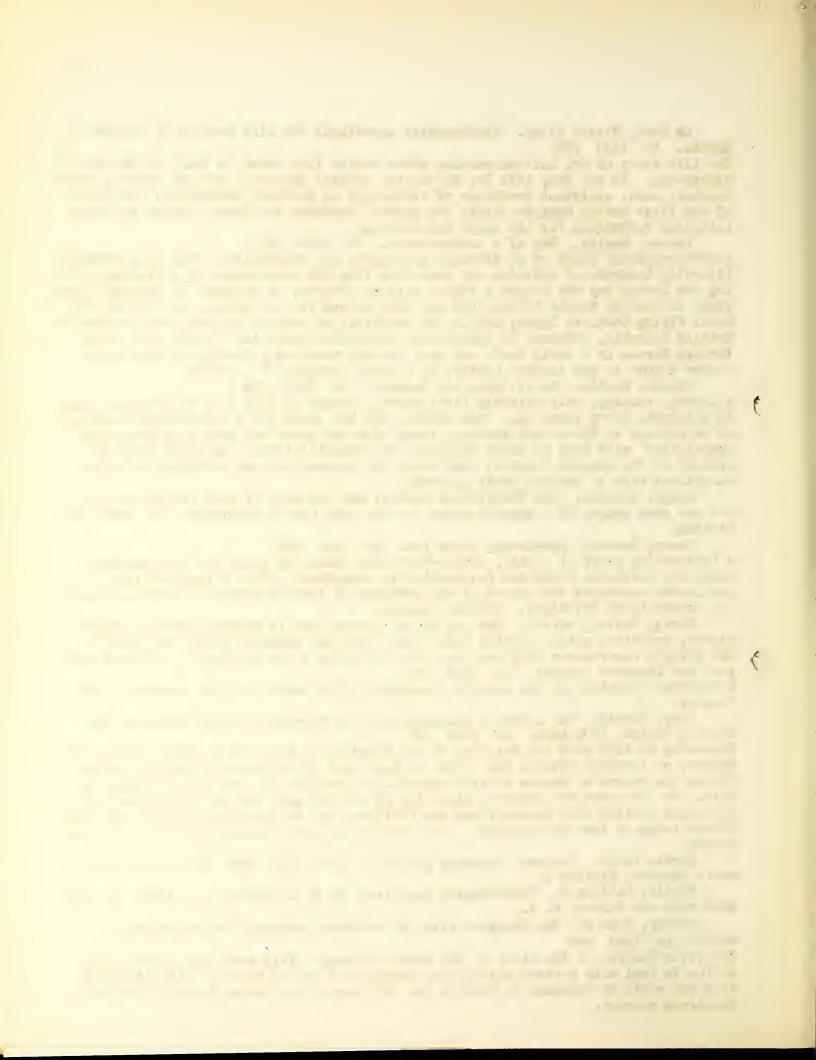
Lamb, Harold. The march of Muscovy; Ivan the Terrible and the growth of the Russian Empire, 1400-1648. 4v 1948 APH
Beginning in 1155 with the building of the Kremlin, or fort, at a point on the River Moskva, or troubled waters, the author in his usual picturesque and musical style traces the growth of Moscow to its acknowledged position as seat of the Russian Empire. He describes the restless migration of peoples over the steppes, growth of religious feeling with superstition and folklore, and in particular detail, the turbulent reign of Ivan the Terrible. The book closes rather abruptly with the sale of Alaska.

Lewis, Lloyd. Sherman, fighting prophet. 10v 1932 CPH For book note see under Sherman, William T.

Martin, Lillien J. Psychologist unretired, by M.A. DeFord. lv 1949 APH For book note see DeFord, M. A.

Minter, John E. The Chagres, river of westward passage. Rivers of America series 4v 1948 APH

The river Chagres is the river of the Panama Isthmus. This book, the first in the series to deal with a river outside the continental United States, tells its story from the visit of Columbus in 1502 to the building of the Panama Canal in the early twentieth century.



Nathan, Robert. The Barly fields, with an introduction by Stephen Vincent Benet. 5v 1923, 1938 APH

A collection of the following five novels: Fiddler in Barly. Woodcutter's house.

Bishop's wife. The orchid. There is another heaven.

Nehru, Jawaharlal. Nehru of India, by Grace Yaukey. 2v 1948 APH A biography of the prime minister of free India's new government, which is drawn in part from his autobiography. The author has given some explanation of India's history, along with the facts of Nehru's life. For ages eleven to fifteen or over. A valuable book for young or old. It is well documented.

Neider, Charles, editor. Short novels of the masters. 9v 1948 APH Contents: Benito Cereno, by Herman Melville. Notes from the underground, by F. M. Dostoyevsky. A simple heart, by Gustave Flaubert. The death of Ivan Ilych, by L.N. Tolstoy. The Aspen papers, by Henry James. Ward No. 6, by A. P. Chekhov. Death in Venice, by Thomas Mann. The dead, by James Joyce. The metamorphosis, by Frank Kafka. The fox, by D. H. Lawrence.

Pasteur, Louis Pasteur, by Laura N. Wood. 3v 1948 APH Biography written for older boys and girls. The study emphasizes Pasteur's contribution to medical and industrial research.

Pauli, Hetha, and Ernst Basch. I lift my lamp; the way of a symbol. 4v 1948

The story of the statue of Liberty as a physical monument and symbol of freedom, from its genesis in a remark of Edouard Laboulage in 1865 to sculptor Bartholdi and up to the present drive for federal aid to improve Bedloe's island.

Sherman, William Tecumseh. Sherman, fighting prophet, by Lloyd Lewis. 10v

1932 CPH

"Vivid, informal, yet scholarly and well-documented, is this excellent portrayal of Sherman, his background and the personalities that affected him." Providence

Swanson, Neil H. Unconquered; a novel of the Pontiac conspiracy. 7v 1947 APH In this story the hero attempts to warn the frontier forts of the Indian uprising known later as the Pontiac conspiracy. He runs into many difficulties, including the siege of Fort Pitt, but finally finds happiness in marriage to his indentured servant girl.

Vogt, William. Road to survival; with an introduction by Bernard Baruch. 3v 1948 HMP

The revelation of the fact that the Earth, as abused by man, is unable to support the human race in terms of its most basic need-food. Man's so-called conquest of nature is shown to be a suicidal process whereby the world, a sanctuary without exits for a fast-breeding human race, is rapidly being made uninhabitable. There are suggestions for population control and land conservation.

Welty, Eudora. Golden apples. 3v 1949 APH
In a series of short stories the author chronicles the passing of some forty years in a little Mississippi town. The same people appear in many of the chapters, the whole adding up to a novel told in brief episodes. "These people so luminous in Miss Welty's prose light up a privacy in the Delta every whit as human and touching as that of Winesburg, Ohio," says Edward Weeks in the Atlantic.

Wilson, Philip W. General Evangeline Booth of the Salvation Army. 4v 1948

APH For book note see Booth, Evangeline

Wood, Laura N. Louis Pasteur. 3v 1948 APH For book note see Pasteur, Louis. Yaukey, Grace. Nehru of India. 2v 1948 APH For book note see Nehru, Jawaharlal.



Talking Books

(These books are provided by the U. S. Government unless otherwise noted)

Allen, Frederick S. The great Pierpont Morgan. 17r 1949 Read by Eugene Earl AFB For book note see Morgan, Pierpont.

Bible: Old Testament. King James version. Book of Genesis. 8r (10-inch

records) Read by Alexander Scourby AFB

Bible: Old Testamant. Book of Joshua. Book of Judges. King James version.

8r (10-inch records) Read by Alexander Scourby AFB

Capek, Karel. Three novels. 31r 2pts Read by Norman Rose AFB
A trilogy of philosophical novels, printed in one volume to commemorate the tenth
anniversary of the author's death. Contents: Hordubal. Meteor. An ordinary life.

Chesterton, Gilbert K. Autobiography. 22r 1936 Read by George Patterson

APH

This autobiography of the regretted Gilbert Keith Chesterton is the story of almost every consequential Englishman of letters in our time except himself. Here is Hardy plain, and Shaw and Wells and Belloc and a host of others. Here the great and near great of England's latter nineteenth and twentieth century writers, and a platoon of celebrities in politics, publishing and plutocracy, are paraded before us by a sage observer." N.Y. Herald Tribune

Eggleston, Edward. The hoosier school-master. 12r 1871 Read by Bucky Koslow AFB A novel describing the lawless and homely pioneer life of Indiana, described by a man who was an itinerant preacher in the West, and knew that life

intimately. Baker's Best

Marsh, Irving T., and Edward Ehre, editors. Best sport stories 1949. 22r

1949 Read by Paul Clark APH

Newspaper and magazine sports articles and pictures for the year 1948. Lists the year's champions in all major sports, the 1948 Olympic champions, and gives brief sketches of the sports writers whose work is included. An excellent collection.

Mason, F. Van Wyck. Cutlass empire. 33r 2 pts 1949 Read by James Baskerville APH Novel describing eighteen years of the tempestuous career of Henry Morgan, buccaneer. The book has the advantage of the author's thorough knowledge of the West Indies.

Morgan, Pierpont. The great Pierpont Morgan, by Frederick L. Allen. 17r 1949

Read by Eugene Earl

This new biography of a famous figure in 19th century America, is more of a character study than a fully detailed narrative. In it the author has tried to steer a middle course between the over-laudatory biographers and the critical. Morgan was one of the great world figures of his day, yet thirty-six years after his death this essay represents the only scholarly, well-balanced interpretation of his career.

Schlesinger, Arthur M., Jr. The vital center; the politics of freedom. 18r

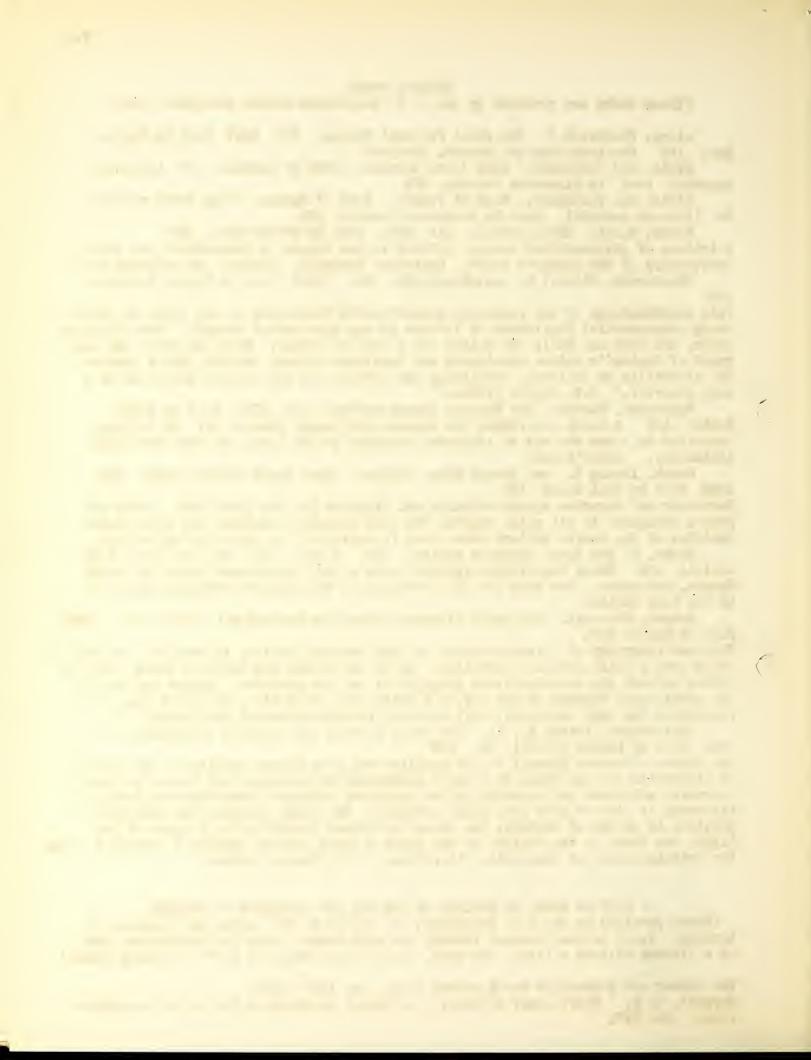
1949 Read by Eugene O'Neill, Jr. AFB

The author addresses himself to the familiar but ever urgent problem of the survival of liberalism and tolerance in a world confronted by problems that appear to require extremist solutions and assailed by the competing claims of Communism and Fascism. His essay is divided into four major sections. The first analyzes the confusion of politics in an age of anxiety; the second addresses itself to the failure of the Right, the third to the failure of the Left; a final section submits a program for the the reinvigoration of democratic liberalism. N. Y. Herald Tribune

A LIST OF BOOKS IN BRAILLE ON THE ART AND TECHNIQUE OF WRITING (Books provided by the U.S. Government are placed in the twenty-six regional libraries. Apply to your nearest library for such books. When the abbreviated name of a library follows a title, the book, as far as we know, is in that library alone.)

The author and journalist handy market list. lv 1947 NYPL

Barrett, C. R. Short story writing, a practical treatise on the art of the short story. 2v NYPL



Benjamin, R.S., editor. The inside story, by members of the Overseas Press Club of

America. 3v Grade 12 Chicago Bentley, Pnyllis E. Some observations on the art of nar ative. lv NYPL Berry, Erik, pseudonym, and Herbert Best. Writing for children. 3v Grade 12 NYPL Bleyer, W.G. Journalism. Pamphlet. Los Angeles, Philadelphia Bleyer, W.G. Newspaper writing and editing. 4v BIA (U.S. Government) Booker, E. L. News is my job; a correspondent in China. 4v 1940 APH (U. S.

Government) Brance, Dorothea. Becoming a writer. lv 1934 AB (U.S. Government) Brewster, W. T. The writing of English. 2v NYPL

Colver, Alice R. If you should want to write; a handbook for beginning authors.

3v Grade 1 NYPL Couch, Sir Arthur T. Q. On the art of writing. 3v NIB (Available in NYPL) Ethics of journalism. lv Grade 12 Perkins Gramling, Oliver. AP, the story of news. 10v Grade 1 Chicago Greenleaf, Walter J. Journalism. Grade 12 Perkins Harrington, H.F. Chats on feature writing. 5v Grade 12 NYPL Perkins, Los

Angeles Hogarth, Basil. The technique of novel writing. 2v NIB (Available in NYPL) Hough, H. B. Country editor. 3v 1940 HMP (U.S. Government)

Joseph, Michael. Journalism for profit. 2v Chicago NYPL

Lathrop, Gordon. Professional writing, opportunities for the blind in journalism and allied fields. lv 1933 APH (U.S. Government)

Leacock, Stephen B. How to write. 3v 1943 APH (U.S. Government)

Lubbock, Percy. The craft of fiction. 3v NYPL

Maxon, Hazel C. Opportunities in free-lance writing. 2v NYPL Opdyke, John B. Say what you mean. 11v 1944 APH (U.S. Government) Rowley, Harold. Where to sell your manuscript. lv NYPL Los Angeles

Rowley, Harold. Writing the news; how it may be done successfully and profitably

by the blind. lv 1946 (U. S. Government)

Seitz, D. C. American journalism. NYPL

Uzzell, Thomas H. The fundamentals of story writing; a home course offered to students of the Hadley Correspondence School for the Blind.

Uzzell, Thomas H. Technique of the novel; a handbook on the craft of the long

marrative. 5v 1947 BIA (U.S. Government)
Walker, Stanley. City editor 3v 1935 BIA (U.S. Government)

White, Paul W. News on the air. Perkins Widdemer. Do you want to write? 4v Los Angeles

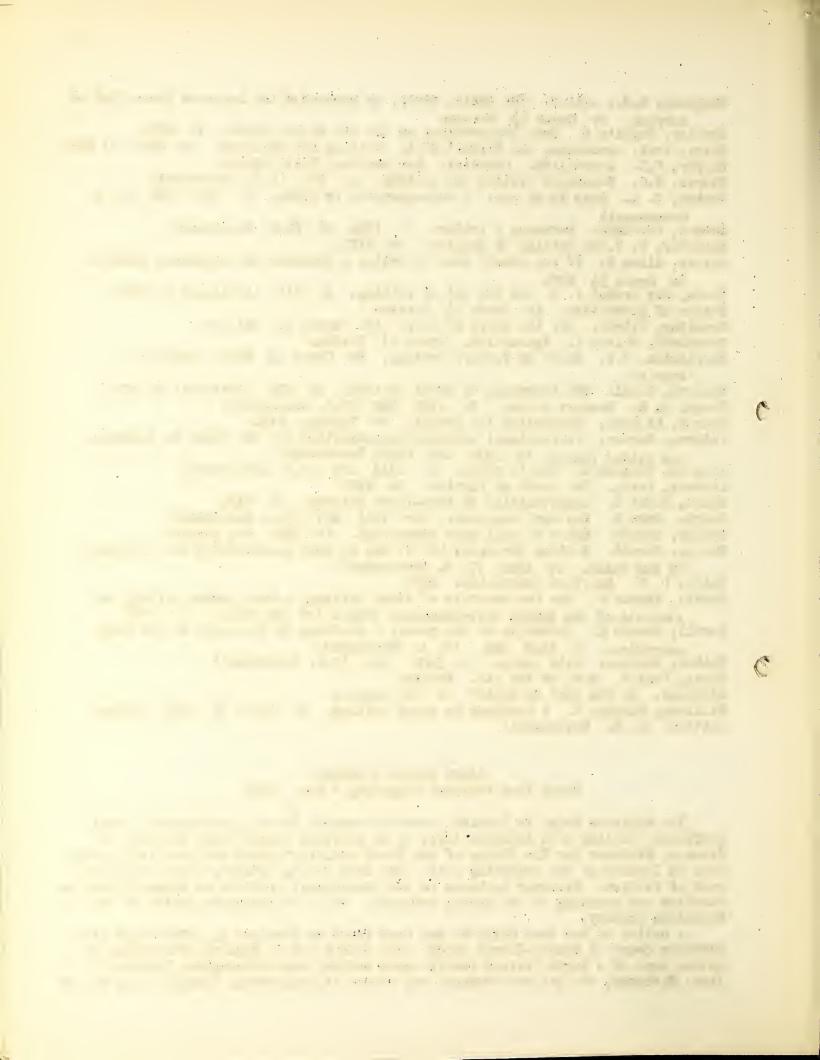
Williams, Blanche C. A handbook on story writing. 4v Grade 1 1930 Revised edition (U. S. Government)

Whyple, James. Hunto write for radio 10 / Denney Chicago Some Sofem Cone - hundred JAMES ALBERT MICHENER

Taken from "Current Biography," June, 1948

The Pulitzer Prixe in letters, awarded annually for "a distinguished novel, preferably dealing with American life, by an American author" went in 1948, to James A. Michener for his "Tales of the South Pacific," which had made its appearance in January of the preceding year. The book is its author's first published work of fiction. Michener is known in the educational field as an authority on the function and teaching of the social sciences. He is an associate editor of the Macmillan Company.

A native of New York City-he was born there on February 3, 1907-James Albert Michener comes of Quaker-farmer stock. His father was of Emglish extraction; his mother came of a North Ireland family which settled near Wilmington, Delaware. James Michener, who has one brother, was reared at Doylestown, Pennsylvania, but he



worked his way across the country before he was fifteen and saw all the states except Washington, Oregon and Florida before he was twenty. "The usual odd jobs came my way," he has stated—"soda boy, paper carrier, hotel watchman. I was a sports columnist at fifteen and worked as an amusement park spotter in summers from fifteen on." This did not delay his graduation in 1925 from the Doylestown High School. He won an open scholarship to Swarthmore College, majored in English and

history, and took his B.A. degree in 1929 with highest honors.

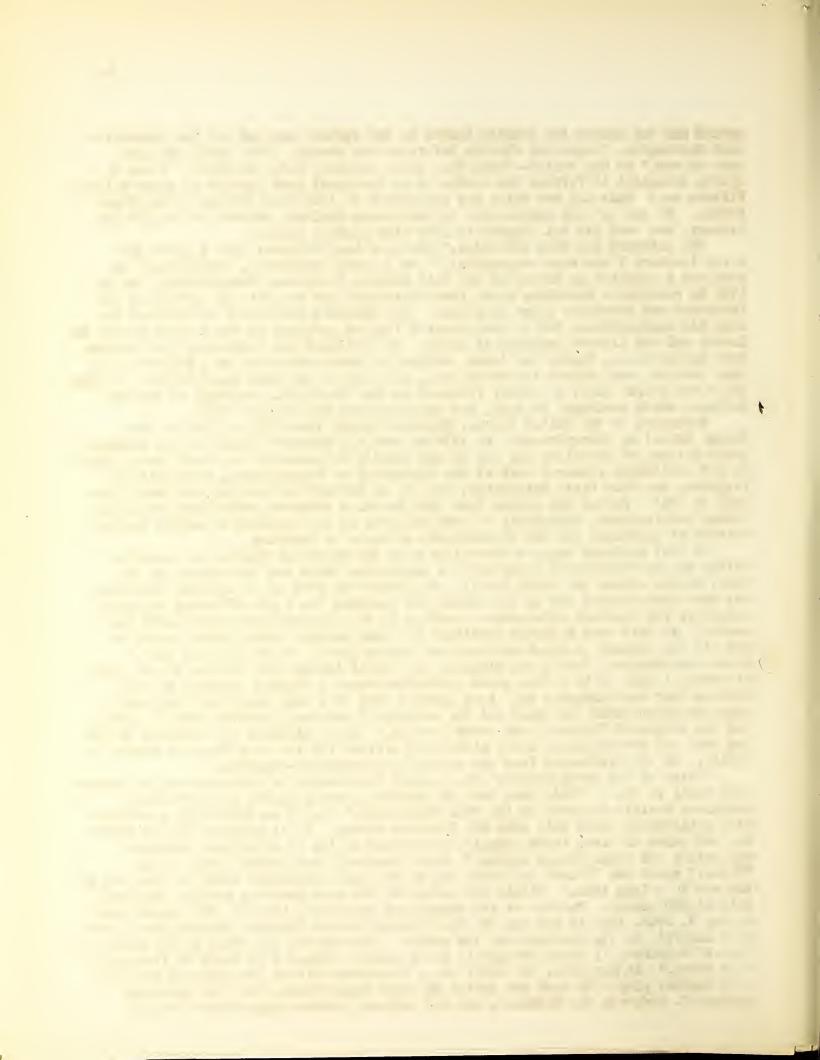
"My lifework has been education," Michener has declared, "and I guess the early teachers I had were responsible." On leaving Swarthmore, accordingly, he accepted a position as master at the Hill School, Pottstown, Pennsylvania, but in 1931 he received a traveling grant from Swarthmore and was able to embark on two important and formative years in Europe. St. Andrew's University in Scotland became his headquarters, but he also studied Italian painting at the British Museum in London and the Sienese painters at Siena. He continued his studies on the Renaissance in Salamanca, Spain, and later, shipped as chart-corrector on a Mediterrancan coal carrier, and, before returning home, traveled up and down the Hebrides. During these two years, also, he avidly followed up the "insatiable reading" of foreign authors, which readings, he says, had characterized his college work.

Returning to the United States, Michener taught from 1933 to 1936 at the George School in Pennsylvania. In 1936 he took his Master's degree at the Colorado State College of Education and was on the faculty as associate professor until 1939. He did additional research work at the University of Pennsylvania, University of Virginia, and Ohio State University, and was at Harvard as visiting professor from 1940 to 1941. During the period from 1933 he was a frequent contributor to educational publications, especially on such subjects as the function of social studies.

methods of teaching, and the relationship of music to teaching.

In 1941 Michener began a connection with the Macmillan Company as associate editor in its educational department—a connection which was interrupted by the Pearl Harbor attack and World War II. He joined the Navy as an enlisted man, but was soon commissioned and in due course was assigned "to a job of acting as supersecretary for aviation maintenance troubles in the Solomons and points north and south." At this work Michener continued for many months, during which period he saw all the islands on which battles were taking place. "A slack spell came," wrote the educator, "and I was stranded on a small island with nothing to do. Each afternoon I went up to a deep cacao plantation where I drafted outlines of some stories that had disturbed me. Each night I went to a big, empty building with a dozen mosquito bombs and typed out the material I had been thinking about." This was the origin of "Tales of the South Pacific." Later Michener was assigned to flying duty and became senior naval historical officer for the area from New Guinea to Tahiti. He was discharged from the service as lieutenant-commander.

"Tales of the South Pacific" was praised by a number of revievers on its appearance early in 1947. "This long book of eighteen loosely linked short stories," declar4ed Orville Prescott in the "New York Times," "is, I am confident, a substantial achievement which will make Mr. Michener famous. It is original in its material and point of view, fresh, simple, and expert in its presentation, humorous, engrossing and surprisingly moving." David Demosey, in a Sunday issue of the "Times," rated the "Tales" as "truly one of the most remarkable books to come out of the war in a long time." Within the course of the next fourteen months, the book sold 25,000 copies. Because of its unorthodox structure, however, the announcement on May 3, 1948, that it had won the five-hundred-dollar Pulitzer fiction award came as a surprise to its admirers and its author. Interviewed some days later, Michener himself declared, "I never thought it had a chance, though I do think of it myself as a novel." It has been, and still is, a tremendous hit on the stage in the form of a musical play with book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein, 2nd, and score by Richard C. Rodgers; and Michener, who had refused previous suggestions for its



dramatization, was enthusiastic over the idea of a musical treatment. The tales

are also published in a pocket book edition.

Since the appearance of "Tales of the South Pacific," Michener has had two short stories published in the "Ladies Home Journal," "The Empty Room," in September, 1947, and "Yancy and the Blue Fish," in November, 1947, and completed a novel for publication in January, 1949, which he has described as "a simple story of Americans growing up in the years between the richness of the 1920's and the despair of the early 1930's." Pennsylvania and New York City supply the background. About his guiding principle in fiction. Michener once remarked, "I have always tried to write convincingly. I guess Dickens and Balzac are responsible for that."

Michener still regards the family farm at Doylestown as "home," but also has an in Greenwich Village. On the walls hang an Italian Renaissance panel, apartment a Van Gogh, and Orozco's portrait of Zapata. He was married to Patti Koon in 1935. Michener is described as conversing with a slight drawl and quiet humor. Five feet ten inches tall, and weighing about 185 pounds, he has brown eyes and a high forehead with receding dark brown hair. Michener lists his political party as the Republican; and volleyball, photography, art, music, and tennis as his diversions. Editor's note: "Tales of the South Pacific" is in braille. 5v HMP

#### Hand-copied Books

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Amharic language: Bible. Old Testament. Book of Proverbs. lv Produced by Garin process. Philadelphia (The official language spoken in Abyssinia)

Baten, A.M., compiler. Stang from Shakespeare; together with literary express-

ions. 2v 1931 Grade 12 Philadelphia

Beasley, Norman. Main street merchant; the story of the J.C. Penney Company. 4v 1948 LC A record of the life of J. C. Penney, American merchant, and a history of the chain of stores which he founded. Beginning with one small store in Wyoming in the 1890's, the chain now includes 1600 stores in forty-eight states.

Beebe, Charles William. High jungle. 6v 1949 LC This book is the product of Dr. Beebe's last three expeditions to the Venezuelan Andes, where, in an isolated and unfinished castle built by the late Juan Vicente Gomes, the author and his colleagues set up a laboratory for the study of wild life. The bock is Beebe at his best. The Herald-Tribune says that "it stands very high on that ridge where literature and natural history meet."

Boulton, Rudyard. Traveling with the birds. lv 1933 Grade 12 Chicago Brin, Joseph. Personal power through public speech. 2v 1940 NYPL

Burt, Katherine. Strong citadel. 6v 1949 LC

A Philadelphia story about a proud aristocratic family, in which the daughter of Judge Evarts learns through harsh disillusionment that even a peasant girl can have more understanding than she.

Carnegie, Dale. How to stop worrying and start living. 7v 1948 LC A"plan for stopping worry at its source. The author shows, in down-to-earth, specific terms how to turn the destructive frustration of worry into creative paths, whether that worry is caused by job, money, family or a combination of problems. Each point is illustrated with anecdotes and the experience of actual people who have mastered worry." Huntting (Available as a Talking Book)

Case. Frank. Tales of a wayward inn. 5v 1938 Recently added to LC; also NY Guild

Cather. Willa Sibert. On writing; critical studies on writing as an art, with a foreword by Stephen Tennant. 2v 1949 LC Thirteen essays and letters, all of which have been previously published. They present discussions of the author's own writings or criticisms of the work of other authors.

Christie, Agatha. Death comes as the end. 4v 1944 Grade 12 Chicago Mystery story, the scene of which is Egypt three thousand years ago.

Cobb, I.S. Speaking of operations. lv Grade 12 Philadelphia

Humorous account of the author's own experience. (Available as a Talking Book)

Deming, Theresa O. Indians of the wigwars. 2v 1938 Grade 12 Chicago Denker, Henry. I'll be right home, Ma. 5v 1949 LC

A first novel. It records the life story of a slum boy whose whole outlook on life was warped by his mother's infidelity to his father, and his father's suicide.

Eden, Emily. Semi-detached house. 3v 1948 LC The lesser-known of Miss Eden's pair of witty, amiable novels about the miniscule problems of well-to-do English family life in the early nineteenth century. The book dissolves happily at the end into a scramble of tears and church bells. New Yorker

French language: Daniels, W.M., editor. Nouveaux contes de la France. 2v NYPL French language. Moliere, J.B.P. Le misanthrope. 2v NYPL

Freud, Sigmund. An outline of psychoanalysis. Authorized translation by James Strachey. 2v 1949 LC

In a posthumous translation of his last written words, begun in London in July 1938, and never finished, Freud has set down the theoretical basis of his life work-work started as a young man when he returned to Vicnna from Paris in 1892 and continued unremittingly throughout his long life in the face of opposition, polemic, illness and finally political persecution. A classic of psychoanalysis.

Gatty, M.S. Parables from nature. 5v Grade 1 Philadelphia

Natural history. Juvenile.

German language: Hagboldt, Peter. Basic German reader 3v 1943 NYPL Gibran, Kahlil. The prophet. ly Grade 1 LC, Sacramento, Jacksonville. Recently added to Philadelphia

A poem by a well-known Syrian-American symbolist poet and painter.

Gordon, A.J., and Darley Gordon. Our son, Pablo. 4v 1946 Chicago The authors went to Mexico to work on a documentary film. While there they were adopted by a young Mexican Indian, Pablo, who later came to this country.

Hale, Edward Everett. The man without a country. lv Grade 1 1907 Philadelphia Fictitious memoir of an American officer who wished he might never see the

United States again and had his wish fulfilled. (Available as a Talking Book) Hamilton, Kay. The gentle heart. 4v 1949 Grade  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Chicago Fiction Henry, Marguerite. Birds at home. lv 1942 Grade 12 Chicago

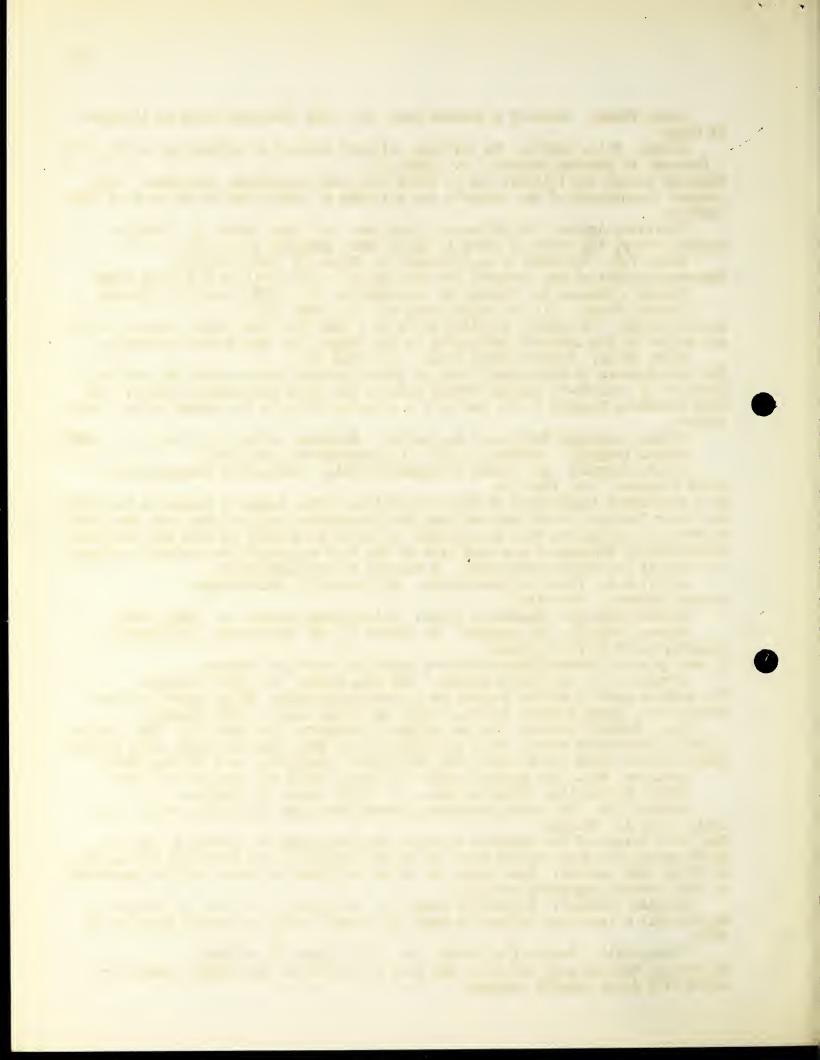
Holmes, F.L. Old world Wisconsin; around Europe in the Badger state. 4v

1944 Grade 1 Chicago

The third volume of the author's trilogy about Wisconsin is devoted to the old world groups who have settled here and to the survival, even into this modern day, of their folk customs. Even those who think they know the state will be surprised at the colorful pageantry revealed.

Italian language: Lipparini, Giuseppe. Il principe, lettera di Niccolo Machiavelli a Francisco Vittori in Roma, Ke Pagine della letteratura Italiana 2v NYPL

James, Will. Horses I've known. 4v 1940 Grade 12 Chicago Stories of horses, good and bad. The book is written in the cowboy vernacular, which Will James usually employs.



Kantor, MacKinlay. Midnight lace. 4v 1948 LC

A story of small-town life in Iowa in the years before the first World War.

Lawrence, Josephine. Double wedding ring. 5v 1946 LC

Character study of a woman in her fifties, whose family needed her no longer but who successfully solved her own problems.

L'Engle, Madeleine. And both were young. 3v 1949 NYPL

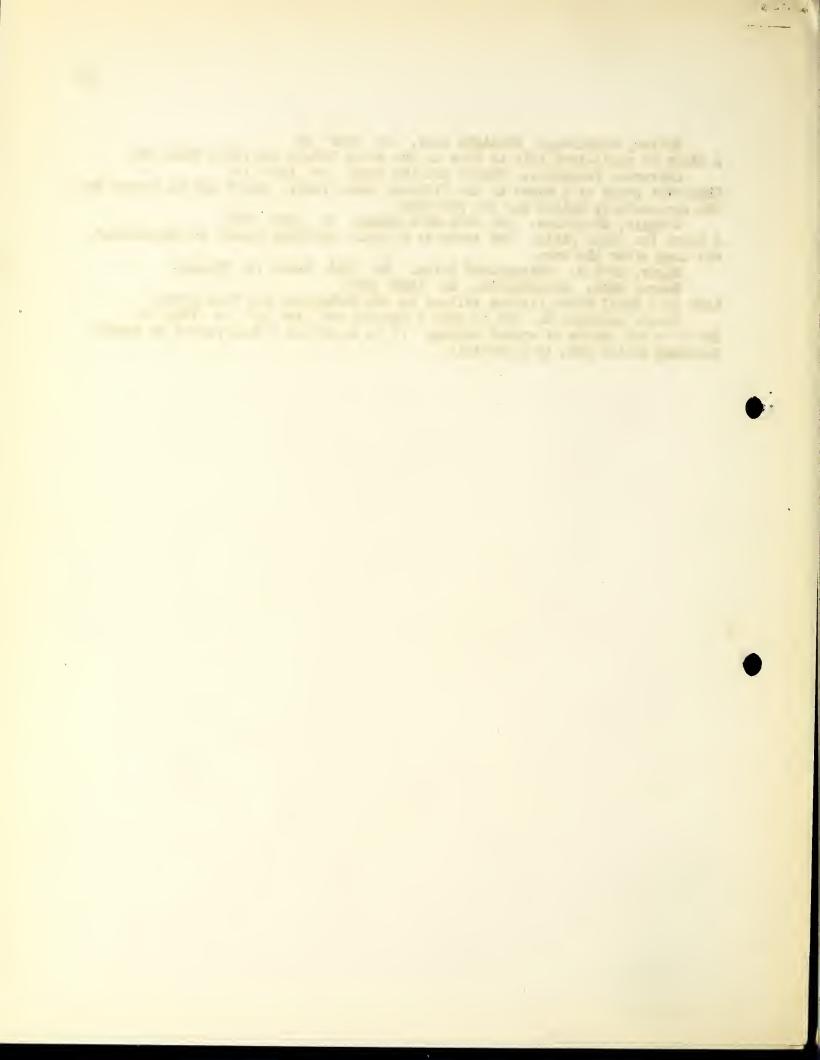
A novel for older girls. The scene is a girls' boarding school in Switzerland, not long after the war.

Mayer, Ruth M. Chicagoland tales. 3v 1946 Grade 1 Chicago

Moore, Ruth. Spoonhandle. 6v 1946 NYPL

Life in a small Maine fishing village is the background for this story.

Mouat, Lawrence H. How to make a speech, and like it! 1v 1949 LC The do's and don'ts of speech making. It is in effect a full course in public speaking boiled down to essentials.



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Readers are required to borrow books from the library designated by the Library of Congress to serve their respective territories.

In the list which follows, the first book notation in every instance should be credited to the Book Review Digest unless another source is given.

Asch, Sholem. Mary. 5v 1949 APH
The final volume of the author's trilogy completing the story begun in "The Nazarene and the Apostle." This follows the story of Mary and Her Son from Mary's marriage to Joseph to the Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Bax, Roger, pseudonym. Two if by sea. 3v 1949 APH
In 1943 two Englishmen stationed in Russia married two Russian girls and the story
is concerned with their valiant efforts to get their wives out of Russia.

Betz, Betty. Your manners are showing; the handbook of teen-age knowhow. 1v 1946 APH \$2.65 (Not a publication of the U.S. Government).

Bigelow, John. Forgotten first citizen, by Margaret A. Clapp. 5v 1947 APH For book note see Clapp, Margaret A.

Bowen, Elizabeth. The heat of the day. 4v 1949 BIA Character studies of Stella Rodney and the two men who loved her. The background is London after Dunkirk, a London of blitzes and buzz bombs; and peaceful Ireland.

Buell, Charles E. Sports for the blind. 4v 1947 APH \$11.80 (Not a publication of the U. S. Government)

Traces the development of physical education of the blind, presents problems in physical education; includes, with explanatory notes, lists of active games, social and quiet games, contests, relay games, dancing; and discusses corrective physical education, foot travel, and physical fitness for the blind.

Catalogue of the Jewish Braille Library, 1950. lv APH (Not a publication of the U. S. Government). This recent catalogue of the Jewish Braille Library will be sent free to all interested borrowers. Address: 1846 Harrison Avenue, New York 53, N.Y.

Clapp, Margaret A. Forgotten first citizen: John Bigelow. 5v 1947 APH Biography of John Bigelow (1817-1911), author, journalist, politician, and diplomat, who spent nearly seventy of his ninety-four years in the service of his community and of his country. An excellent biography in which it is made quite clear why New Yorkers of fifty years ago called him their "First Citizen."

Collis, Maurice. The first holy one. 3v 1948 BIA
This book does two things. First, as an account of Confucius' life it helps rectify the apparent popular vulgarizations of the great teacher by the West. Second, it
shows the importance of Confucianism in China's past, which is essential to an understanding of China's present. Events of "The First Holy One" range over much of
Chinese history, but the chief focus is on the era of Confucius and the early Han
Dynasty of 2,000 years ago. N. Y. Times

Confucius. The first holy one, by Maurice Collis. See book note above. Dickson, Carter pseudonym. The skeleton in the clock. 4v NIB Panda #130 Price 2s. (Not a publication of the U. S. Government)
This further adventure of Sir Henry Merrivale is intense, uncanny, breathless, unexpected, and in places, uproariously funny. New Beacon

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Franklin, Miriam A. Rehearsal; the principles and practice of acting for the stage; rev. ed. 6v 1938 APH \$13.80 (Not a publication of the U.S. Government) Printed for the New York State School for the Blind.

Girl Scouts. Girl scout handbook; intermediate program; adapted for the blind. 5v 1947 APH \$19.50 (Not a publication of the U.S. Government)

Haycox, Ernest. Rough justice. 2v 1950 CPH

This collection of nine Western stories by one of the most practiced and polished of western writers has an essential honesty and validity of theme and background.

Lessenbury, D.D. and T. James Crawford. Twentieth century tyepwriting; fifth

edition. 9v 1947 APH \$29.25 (Not a publication of the U.S. Government)

Levin, Paul. Have you come? and, The best I can. Pamphlet Grade 12 APH (Not a publication of the U.S. Government) Published for the Braille Circulating Library, Richmond, Va. Simple Gospel tracts.

Loring, Emilie. Love came laughing by. 2v 1949 CPH

A novel of the excitement that ensues in Washington when a girl carrying secret papers from South America meets a Congressman with a dangerous political opponent.

MacCracken, Henry Noble. Family on Gramercy Park. 3v 1949 BIA
The ex-president of Vassar writes these memories of his own boyhood in the 1390's.
His father was Chancellor of New York University and the family lived in Gramercy
Park in downtown New York. The book is a mixture of life in a moderately well-todo family, and a small boy's attempts to make his way among the gangs, with a few
gestures toward the ladies.

McKeown, Martha Ferguson. Trail led north; Mont Hawthorne's story. 3v

1948 APH

A record of the experiences of the author's uncle, Mont Hawthorne, who pioneered in the western United States and Alaska during the last quarter of the 19th century. There are many stories connected with the salmon canneries and mining for gold.

Means, Florence. Assorted sisters. 3v 1947 APH \$7.95 (Not a publication

of the U. S. Government)

Fiction concerned with life in a missionary family. The assorted sisters are one Chinese, one a Spanish-American and one a Negro.

Mitchell, Edwin Valentine. Yankee folk. 3v 1948 BIA Miscellaneous lore of various kinds about New England life and New Englanders. Partial contents: Publishing Yankees. Tinkers. Hermits. Snake hunters. Preachers and deacons. Body snatchers. The old leather man. Nantucket folk.

Oldenbourg, Zoe. The world is not enough. Translated from the French. 8v 1948 CPH Long historical novel, the scene of which is 12th and 13th century France and the Orient. Part of the story is concerned with the second and third crusades.

Paxson, Ruth. Called unto holiness. lv APH (Not a publication of the U.S. Government) Published for the Braille Circulating Library, Richmond, Va. A book of Bible studies.

Paxson, Ruth. Rivers of living waters; how obtained, how maintained; studies setting forth the believer's possessions in Christ. lv APH (Not a publication of the U.S. Government) Published for the Braille Circulating Library, Richmond, Va.

Petzinger, Leroy J. Centennial history of the Ohio State School for the Blind. 4v APH \$10.00(Not a publication of the U.S. Government) Printed for the Ohio State School for the Blind.

Short, Luke, pseudonym. Ambush. 2v 1948 CPH Western story.

Stribling, T.S. The store. 6v 1932 CPH

One of a trilogy but may be read independently. The author is tracing the transformation of the old South into the new at the time of Cleveland's first election.

Wilson, Mrs. Ethel Davis. The innocent traveller. 3v 1949 APH The portrait of Topaz Edgeworth, who for a hundred years took her gay and often uninhibited way through life. Her first fifty years were spent in her father's prosperous Victorian home near Birmingham, England; her second fifty in Vancouver. The book is partly fact, partly fiction.

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#### Talking Books

(These books are provided by the U.S. Government unless otherwise noted)

Aldrich, Mrs. Bess Streeter. Journey into Christmas, and other stories. 10r 1949 APH Read by Jan Tyroler
Nine short stories, and excerpts from the author's novels, "A Lantern in her Hand,"

and "Song of Years," all about Xmas. The closing chapter is about the author's

childhood in Iota.

Baum, Vicki. Nanking Road. 53r 3 pts 1939 NIB Read by Richard Wessel

Published in America under title of "Shanghai '37."

Shanghai on the eve of Japanese invasion—an international crossroads, the focal point of a boiling, troubled world—is the scene of this novel. Against this background are traced the lives of a dozen oddly assorted characters, whom fate has gathered from all over the world. Huntting

Bonnet, Theodore. The mudlark. 21r 2 pts 1949 AFB Read by John Brewster The mudlark was a dirty little slum urchin from London's lovest strata, but he was fired with an ambition to see Queen Victoria. Due to a scries of accidents he actually saw the Queen when she was entertaining Disraeli. During the course of the novel almost all of Disraeli's life is presented.

Cockel, H.W. What Jesus means to me. 5r 1948 Read by Villiam Gladden APH (Not a publication of the U.S. Government) Published for the Lutheran Church,

Missouri Synod, Cleveland, Ohio.

Freeman, Douglas Southall. George Washington; Young Washington. Volume two 24r 2 pts 1948 Read by Walter Gerard APH For book note see Washington, George.

Garibaldi, Giuseppe. Garibaldi and the making of Italy. 19r Road by Duncan Carse NIB

Follows "Garibaldi and the Thousand," tracing picturesquely and with consummate skill the larger military, diplomatic and political events between June and November 1860, by which the original achievements of the "Thousand" led to the unification of Italy. N.Y. State library.

Hill, Christopher. Lenin and the Russian revolution. 12r 1949 Read by

Joseph MacLeod NIB

Howe, George Locki. Call it treason. 24r 2 pts 1949 Read by Lane Blackwell AFB

Three German prisoners of var employed by U.S. Army Intelligence are dropped into Germany to carry out espionage activities. Their training and instruction before setting out, and the progress of one of them through part of Germany are told with realistic detail. Library Journal.

Mitchell Maria. Sweeper in the sky, by Helen Wright. 18r 1949 Read by

Morris Flournoy APH

Maria Mitchell was born on Nantucket of Quaker parents. Although she had little formal education she early shored an interest in mathematics and helped her father revise his meteorological observations.

Peattie, Roderick. Geography in human destiny. 13r 1940 Read by Milton

Metz. APH

A study of human history as it has been influenced by the physical character of the earth's surface. The author begins with evolution and the development of prehistoric man and concludes with a chapter on "the geography of peace" in which he sets forth his plea for a better adjustment of man to earth's bounty as the road for the future.

Reyher, Mrs. Rebecca Nourvich. Zulu voman; the story of a modern voman's rebellion against polygamy. 19r 1948 Read by Diane Brett AFB

An account of the life of Christina, first vife of Solomon, King of the Zulus, who reigned from 1913 to 1933. Christina told her story to the author, and from her narrative the author has fashioned her book.

Stout, Rex. The second confession. 13r 1949 Read by George Patterson APH Detective story

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Trevelyan, G. d. Garibaldi and the making of Italy. 19r Read by Duncan Carse

For book note see Garibaldi, Giuseppe.

Trollope, Anthony. The small house at Allington. 48r 2 pts 1864 Read by

Duncan Carse NIB

Fifth of the Chronicles of Barsetshire. Country life, its pleasures and troubles, monotony and dullness, with digressions into boarding-house life in London and in high society. Many old friends appear in the usual concourse of characters. Bakers best

Nashington, George. Young Washington. Volume 2. 24r 2 pts 1948 Pead by Walter Gerard APH

The second of two volumes of a projected six, by the author of a monumental life of Robert E. Lee. These volumes subtitled, "The Young Vashington," beginning with Washington's ancestry and the setting of his story in the midst of the Virginia aristocracy, carry the story of his life and early career to the age of 27.

White. Ellen C. Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing. 9r Read by William

Gladden APH

Published for the Christian Record Benevolent Association. (Nota publication of the

U.S. Government)

Wright, Helen. Sweeper in the sky; the life of Maria Mitchell, first woman astronomer in America. 18r 1949 Read by Morris Flournoy APH For book note see Mitchell, Maria.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF A NEW MUSIC MAGAZINE

Edwin Wilson, editor of The Braille Evengel Magazine, Box 6001, Fort Worth, Texas, has sent us the following announcement. "A new 24-page church music magazine will be published in January, 1951. It will be published in January, April, July and October. The subscription price for one year is {1.00. Write to the above address and enclose {1.00 before December 15, if you want to get in on the first issue.

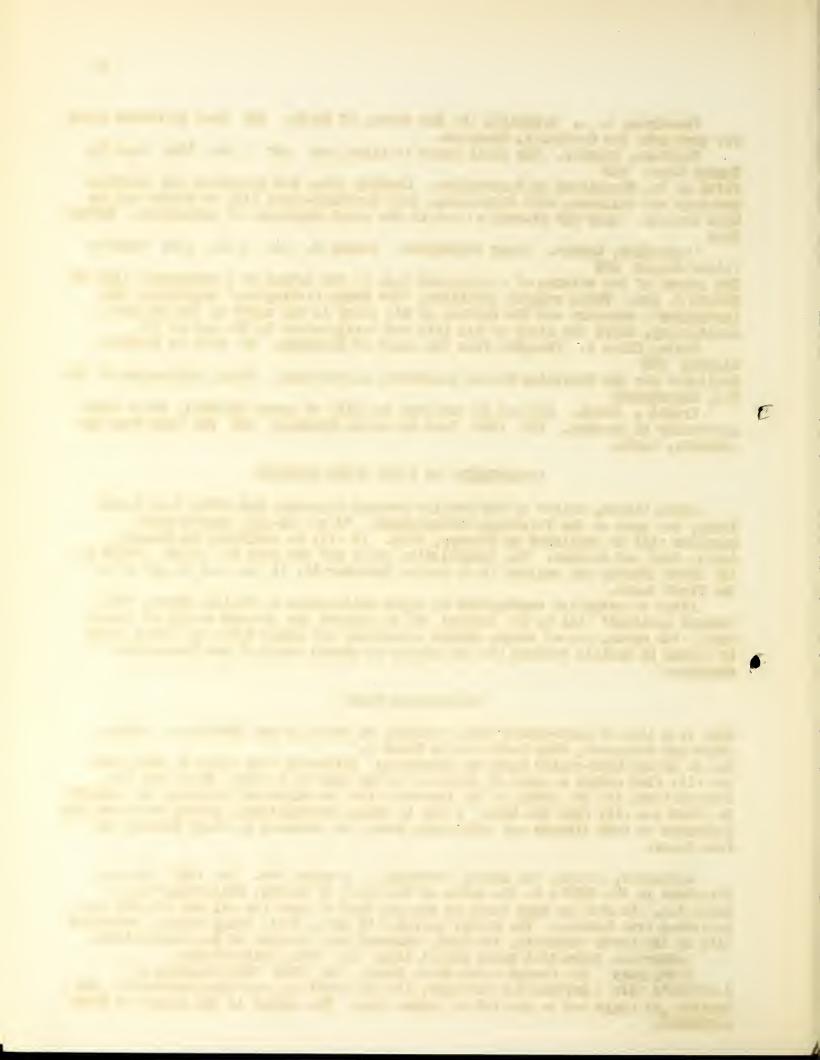
After an extensive examination of eight collections of braille hymns, "The Evangel Musician" will be an attempt to supplement the present supply of church music with hymns, gospel songs, chorus selections and other forms of sacred music in demand by braille readers who are active in church music of the Protestant churches."

#### Hand-copied Books

This is a list of hand-copied books recently reported by the libraries. Unless otherwise indicated, these books are in Grade 2. How to locate hand-copied books in libraries: Following each title in this list you will find either a group of initials or the name of a city. These are the abbreviations for the names of the libraries for the blind and indicate the library in which you will find the book. A key to these abbreviations, giving the names and addresses of each library and publishing house, is included in every January and June issue.

Auslander, Joseph, and Audrey Wurdemann. My uncle Jan. 5v 1948 Chicago Wisconsin in the 1890's is the scene of the story of hearty, rollicking Czech Uncle Jan, who made so much money in America that he sent for all his friends and relatives from Bohemia. The story, narrated by Uncle Jan's young nephew, describes life in the Czech community, its food, customs, and attempts at Americanization.

Author and journalist handy market list. lv NYPL, Philadelphia Bard, Mary. The doctor wears three faces. 4v 1949 Philadelphia, LC A doctor's wife describes her marriage, its difficulties, and disappointments, but insists she would not be married to anyone else. The author is the sister of Betty MacDonald.



Barrett, C.R. Short story vriting. 2v NYPL, Philacelphia

Becker, May Lamberton, editor. The home book of laughter 5v 1948 Chicago An anthology of selections from British and American humorous vritings. Partial contents: The night the bed fell, by James Thurber. Gertrude the governess, or Simple seventeen, by Stephen Leacock. Certainly! I play the piano, by Will Cuppy. Father wakes up the village, by Clarence Day, Jr. The casting away of Mrs. Lecks and Mrs. Aleshine, by f. R. Stockton. Mr. Dooley on the game of football, by f. P. Dunne. The treasurer's report, by R.C. Benchley. David Harum sells a horse, by E. N. Westcott. The war of the chintz roses, by E. F. Benson. Peck's bad boy, by G.W. Peck. The third ingredient, by O. Henry.

Brophy, Loire. There's plenty of room at the top; a practical guide to success

in business 3v 1946 Chicago

This book sets out to tell you in the simplest possible way how to get along in business, how to earn promotions, and how to increase your income.

Brown, Warren. The Chicago Cubs. 5v 1946 Chicago

A detailed history of the Chicago baseball team from its beginnings in the 1870's to the present. A rollicking chronology not only of an amzingly interesting ball club but of a major league as well, involving most of that circuit's outstanding figures over a span of seventy years.

Buck, Pearl. Time to love. From Ladies Home Journal. lv 1950 LC Curtiss, Ursula. Voice out of darkness. 4v 1948 Chicago Detective story Daugherty, James. Poor Richard. 2v 1941 Chicago For book note, sec Frank-

lin, Benjamin.

Davidson, David A. The hour of truth. 6v 1949 Chicago William Harmon, an American lawyer, is the hero of this novel set in a South American country called Alba. A novel marked by graphic description, keen perception of character, and swift moving plot which makes very interesting reading for the emotionally mature. Catholic world

DiMaggio, Joe. Lucky to be a Yankee. Foreword by Grantland Rice. 3v 1946

Chicago

The "Yankee Clipper" describes his life in baseball from the sandlots of San Francisco to his big league games with the Yankees.

Dixon, John. How to speak, here, there and on the air; a guide to successful

speaking. 4v 1949 LC

This book is designed for the occasional speaker, for the man or voman who is inexperienced but knows he may be called upon to address a committee, a public gathering, or a radio audience. The book is in three sections, speech preparation, speech delivery, and self-preparation, the last including overcoming self-consciousness, developing the voice, learning pronunciation, enlarging the vocabulary, etc.

Dolson, Hildegarde. We shook the family tree. 4v 1946 N Y Guild Recently

added to Chicago

Memories of the author's youth, when she and her family lived in a small Pennsylvania town.

Downes, Anne Miller. Mary Donovan. 7v 1948 Chicago

A novel of a marriage in which the partners were a woman of good background and fine integrity, and a man who had very little of either.

Fosdick, Harry Emerson. The Man from Nazareth as His contemporaries saw Him.

5v 1949 LC

A study of Christ's life, acts and teachings as, the author thinks, they must have affected the lives and thoughts of those who knew Him.

Fosdick, Harry Emerson. On being a real person. 5v 1943 Philadelphia Recent-

ly added to Chicago

Essays based on twenty years of experience in dealing with the personal problems of men and women who have come to Dr. Fosdick for help. The book "does not talk much about religion, any more than a happy family talks about love. At this hour, in a world uprooted, nothing else works. But this does."

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Foster, Mrs Genevieve. Augustus Caesar's world; a story of ideas and events from B.C. 44 to 14 A.D. 6v 1947 Chicago
After Julius Caesar was murdered, in March 44B.C., the 19-year-old Octavian, Julius Caesar's favorite nephew, forced the Roman Senate to make him Consul. Thirteen years later, Octavian, now to be known as Augustus Caesar, was sole master of the Roman world. Miss Foster has told the story of the exciting half century that followed Augustus' rise to power. Not York Times

Franklin, Benjamin. Poor Richard, by James Daugherty. 2v 1941 Chicago Biography of Benjamin Franklin, from boyhood to his death in 1790. Vritten for

young readers but would be valuable in adult education classes.

Friedlander, Mort. The yellow leaf. 3v 1946 Chicago Quietly told story of life in an old people's home, where elderly men and women live out the last chapter of their lives, waiting with dignity for the inevitable.

Garland, Joseph. The story of medicine. 4v 1949 LC History of medicine from the earliest times to the important discoveries of the present. Can be used with high school students and adults.

Gates, John W. Bet a million, by Lloyd Wendt and Herman Kogan. 7v 1948

Grade 1 Chicago

Gates was a "Wall Street buccaneer who ran a flair for stock manipulation into fifty million dollars." To newspaper readers of half a century ago he was "Bet a Million Gates" who bet \$1,000 to \$10,000 on the speed of rainfrops on window panes, who was known to drop close to a cool million at a poker game and who once cleaned up a sum almost as large on a single horse race. N. Y. Times

Greene, Graham. The confidential agent; an entertainment. 4v 1939 Chicago Ar. D., a former professor of Romance languages in an unnamed country, arrives in England as a confidential agent for his var-weary country. His object is to buy

coal. Violence, theft, and love follow him all through his stay.

Hersey, John. Bell for Adano. 5v 1944 Chicago
Adano is a Sicilian village, presided over by the A.M.G. officer, Major Victor
Joppolo, U.S.A., an Italian-American with a love of justice. The major's biggest
problem, after gaining the respect and love of the natives, is to find a bell for
the town, to replace the 700-year-old town bell melted down for bullets by the
Fascists. It makes very good reading in its capable and unpretentious vay. (Available as Talking Book)

Hymnal for youth. Selections. lv Grade 1; 1941 Philadelphia Presbyterian

hymnal

Kaye-Smith, Sheila. The happy tree. 6v 1949 Chicago
Love story of a lonely English farmer who some time after his wife's death realized
that he was falling in love with the wife of a neighbor. Really only an attenuated
short story, but the author sketches both the wintry scene and the couple's confusion very well.

Levis, Lloyd. John S. Wright, prophet of the prairies. 4v 1941 Grade 1

Chicago

Linklater, Eric. Private Angelo. 6v 1946 Chicago Angelo, an Italian soldier of World War II, fought well, but his heart was never in the business. An agreeable book, definitely unimportant.

Nagata, Honami, and L.J. Erickson. Hearts aglow. lv Philadelphia Leprosy on Oshima Island.

Newcomb, Covelle. Running waters. 5v 1947 Chicago
The life story of Mother Mary Caroline, founder of the congregation of the Poor
School Sisters of Notre Dame in America. She was born in Germany and came to America in 1847. After considerable hardship she succeeded in establishing schools in
Baltimore and other cities.

The newspaper; its making and its meaning, by the staff of "The New York Times." 4v 1945 Chicago

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Orwell, George. Nincteen eighty-four. 6v 1949 LC A satirical novel about a future time when people living in a collectivist society are persuaded by Thought Police into thinking that ignorance is strength and war is peace. It has been said that the late Mr. Orwell was the only first-rate satirist of our time. Saturday Review of Literature.

Oursler, Fulton. Father Flanagan of Boys Town. 7v 1949 LC A biography of Father Edward Joseph Flanagan, the Irish-American priest, founder of the famous Boys Town for young delinquents and other unfortunate children.

Overseas Press Club of America. As we see Russia. 7v 1948 LC Articles by members of the Overseas Press Club, chosen by the club's editorial committee. Seeing relations between the U.S. and Russia as one of the crucial problems of our times, these trenty-five correspondents write out their own past assignments and experience and cover the "aspirations" of the Russian people. Library Journal

Owen, Frank. Teen-age baseball stories. 3v 1948 MYPL
Peale, Norman Vincent. You can vin. 3v MYPL Inspirational
Perling, Joseph Jerry. Presidents' sons; the prestige of name in a democracy.
10v 1947 LC

Poe, Edgar Allan. The goldbug. 2v Grade 1 Philadelphia
A famous short story of a beetle covered with invisible writing that heat brings to light. The mysterious directions are unraveled and a treasure found. Poe is called the inventor of the detective story.

Prouty, Olive H. Stella Dallas. 5v 1923 Chicago Fiction
Raswan, Carl R. Drinkers of the wind. 4v 1942 Chicago
In his youth the author became devoted to horses. Fired by the beautiful figures of horses carved on the frieze of the Parthenon, he set out to find the perfect horse. The book is never dull. It is warm and kindly and sometimes beautiful.

Not only will it appeal to horse lovers but also to all those who are fascinated by faraway people.

Renard, Henri. The philosophy of man. 5v 1948 LC Salten, Felix. Jibby the cat. 2v 1948 Grade 1. Chicago
Written by the late Fclix Salten during his vartime sojourn in Switzerland. The author of "Bambi" needs no introduction as the writer of beautiful animal stories.
In this one about a cat, he shows a rare undertanding of that clusive and often unappreciated animal. For all cat lovers over ten years of age.

Saxby, Hovard. Helpmeets and hindrances in literary lives. lv Grade 1; Philadelphia

Schofield, William G. The deer gry; a novel of Patrick of Eirinn. 6v 1948 Chicago

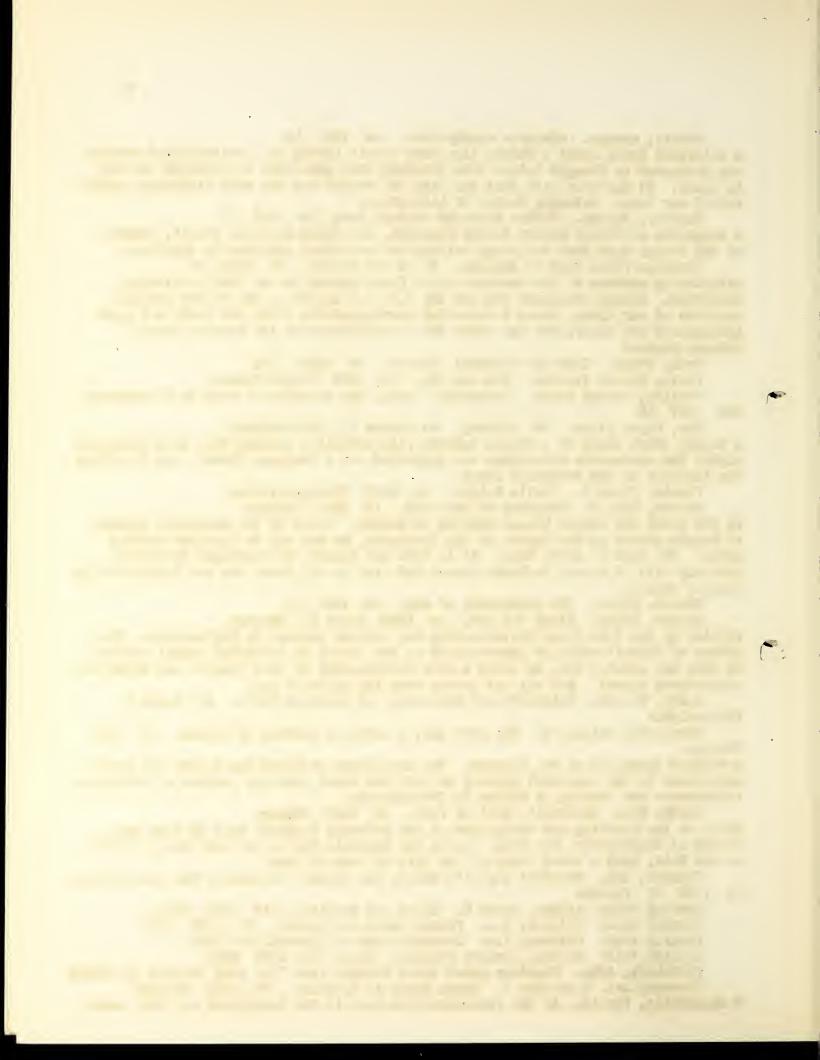
Novelized biography of St. Patrick. The traditions of birth and beauty and good - ness bound in the essential mystery of life are woven into the pattern of Patrick's intention -- the winning of Eirinn to Christianity.

Smith, Ken. Baseball's hall of fame. 4v 1947 Chicago Story of the founding and dedication of the national baseball hall of fame and museum at Cooperstown, New York. Lists the baseball heroes who have been admitted to the Hall, with a brief story of the life of each of them.

Shulman, Max. Barefoot boy with cheek; The feather merchants; The zebra derby. 7v 1948 LC Fiction

Spanish text: Arjona, Doris K. Spain and America. 11v 1940 NYPL Spanish text: Pittaro, J.M. Primer curso de Espanol. 6v 1938 NYPL Spanish text: Pittaro, J.M. Secundo curso de Espanol. 9v NYPL Spanish text: Valdes, Armando Palacio. Jose. 3v 1938 NYPL Steinbeck, John. Fourteen great short stories from "The long valley" 5v 1947LC Stewart, Mrs. Catherine P. Three roads to Valhalla. 7v 1948 Chicago

Jacksonville, Florida, in the reconstruction days is the background for this novel.



Street and transit guide; published by the Philadelphia Transportation Company. 5v Garin process Philadelphia

Targ, William, editor. The American West, a treasury of stories, legends,

narratives, songs and ballads of vestern America. 4v 1946 LC
Universal speedliner bantam electric range. Instructions and recipes. 2v NYPL Ware, Norman Joseph. Wealth and welfare, the backgrounds of American cconomics. 4v 1949 LC

The author"traces the origins of our economic practice from the institutionalism of the Middle Ages to the American empirical system of government-encouraged enterprise, a mixture of the historic systems to a distinctly American recipe."

Library Journal

Waugh, Evelyn. Scott-King's modern Europe. 1v 1949 Chicago Political satire engages Mr. Waugh in this short novel. Scott-King, a schoolmaster of a traditional English school, goes to Neutralia (a country that has passed through every possible political ill) to attend the centenary celebration of the poet, Bellorius. There is no humor in the book and little pity for the predicament of Modern Europe but wit there is and delightful writing.

Wendt, Lloyd, and Herman Kogan. Bet a million; the story of John W. Gates.

7v 1948 Grade 1 Chicago For book note see Gates, John W.

Kentworth, Patricia. Pilgrim's rest; a Miss Silver mystery. 5v 1946 LC Detective story

Whipple, James. How to write for radio. 10v Grade 1 Chicago, Denver. Woodward, Mrs. Helen. Money to burn. 4v 1945 Grade 12 Chicago Detective story

Wright, John S. Wright, prophet of the prairies, by Lloyd Levis. 4v 1941 Grade 12 Chicago

## CARL VAN DOREN Taken from "The New York Times"

Carl Van Doren, Pulitzer Prize author, editor and critic, died at his summer home in near-by Vest Cornwall July, 1950. His age was sixty-four. Mr. Van Doren was one of the most distinguished men in American letters. He was unstinting in his praise of American writers, acclaiming such authors as Sinclair Lewis, James Branch Cabell, Edward Lee Masters, Edwin Arlington Robinson, Eugene O'Ncill, Robert Frost and Edna St. Vincent Millay.

A brilliant writer himself, whose varied works were lauded time and again by dritics, Mr. Van Doren won the Pulitzer prize in 1938 for his biography of Benjamin Franklin.

As a young teacher and critic, he turned away from the classics to become a pioneer in the renaissance of American literature. During his years as an instructor in literature at Columbia University when the first World War was on, he was particularly remembered as an informal lecturer with close-cropped hair who placed emphasis on living American literature.

He was born on a farm near Hope, Ill., the son of Charles Lucius and Dora Anno Van Doren. After teaching at the University of Illinois and at Columbia he became the literary editor of the periodical. "The Nation." and after three years he joined the "Century Magazine," remaining as literary editor until 1925.

An advocate of creating world federalism through the United Nations, Mr. Van Doren became chairman of the international editorial board of World Government News. He compared the difficulties of strengthening the U.N. with those faced by American statesmen trying to write the Constitution in 1787. He wrote an account of the secret Constitutional Convention and an analysis of the problems encountered there in "The Great Rehearsal," published by Viking Press in 1948.

An outstanding liberal, Mr. Van Doren in 1938 rejected the offers of five Nazi publishers the tanted to publish in translation his biography of Franklin.

Instead, he granted the book to a German publishing house "in exile" in Holland for a German-language edition.

He frequently was lauded as an outstanding historian of manners, customs and

intellectual tendencies of American life.

Mr. Van Doren married Irita Bradford in 1912. They were divorced in 1939, and he married Mrs. Jean Wright Gorman. That marriage ended in divorce in 1945. Surviving are three daughters and four brothers. Editor's note: Among this author's books the following are in braille:

(1) An anthology of world prose, edited by Carl Van Doren. 26v APH

(2) Benjamin Franklin. 19v Chicago, LC

(3) Great rehearsal; the making of the Constitution of the United States.5v

4) Meet Mr. Franklin. 6v LC

(5) Mutiny in January; the story of a crisis in the Continental army. 2v BIA

(6) Patriotic anthology, edited by Carl Van Doren. 5v APH

(7) Secret history of the American Revolution. 3v APH

(8) Sinclair Lexis. lv LC

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We are still receiving complaints from readers who write that they have not had the Braille Book Review since last April. So it may not be remiss to explain once more that for several months we ran a notice that the names of readers who did not ask for a renewal of the magazine before May would be dropped from our mailing list. We shall be glad to resume service to all who request the magazine.

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## Book Announcements Press-made Books

All press-made or Talking Books here noted are provided by the Federal Government. Copies of these government-supplied books are placed in the twenty-six regional libraries which serve the blind. A list of these libraries appears regularly in the January and June numbers of the magazine.

Readers are required to borrow books from the library designated by the Library of Congress to serve their respective territories.

In the list which follows, the first book notation in every instance should be credited to the Book Review Digest unless another source is given.

Anthology of poems. lv 1942 APH (Not a publication of the U.S. Government) Published for the New York City Branch of the National League of Pen Women.

Doyle, A. Conan. Study in scarlet. 3v 1889 CPH A Sherlock Holmes detective story

Gardner Erle Stanley. The case of the negligent nymph. 3v 1949 APH Detective story

Gibbings, Robert. Over the reefs and far away. 3v 1948 APH Anecdotes of the author's travels among the South Pacific islands. A pleasing and relaxing book

Gilbert, Anthony. The mouse who wouldn't play ball. 3v NIB Panda #132 Price 3s 6d (Not a publication of the U.S. Government)

The enthralling story of the changes that befell a girl who inherited a fortune, and of how the unscrupulous lawyer-detective rescued her from her relatives--and others.

Hart, Scott. Eight April days. lv 1949 APH
This is an unusual war story, dramatically and interestingly told by a man who knows his South. An expert on the Civil War, he has here concentrated on the spirit of the Confederate armies. It is the story of the retreat of the Confederate army from Petersburg to Appomatox.

Hudson, W. H. The best of W.H. Hudson, edited by Odell Shepard. 3v 1949 APH This book provides samples of Hudson's various skills. The editor has selected well, presenting as wide a cross-section of Hudson as could be included in so limited a space.

Knaggs, Nelson S. Adventures in man's first plastic; the romance of natural waxes. 3v 1947 HP

Not a technical book but a fascinating study of man's search for natural waxes--vegetable, insect and mineral waxes with the history and application of each throughout the centuries.

Meeker, Arthur. Prairie Avenue. 4v 1949 BIA

A novel picturing the life of a well-to-do Chicago family between the 1880's and 1918. Schaefer, Jack. Shane. lv 1949 APH

A "Western" in which the author's skill in depicting character, situation, and mood gives the story a quality that makes it superior to the usual ones.

Underwood, William Lyman. Wild brother. 2v Grade 1½ HP Price \$3.00. (Not a publication of the U.S. Government) Embossed as a memorial to the author by Elizabeth F. Underwood.

Underwood, William Lyman. Wilderness adventures. 3v Grade 1 1927 HMP Price \$5.50 (Not a publication of the U.S. Government) Embossed as a memorial to the author by Elizabeth F. Underwood.

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Wecter, Dixon. The age of the great depression. 5v 1948 APH A description of life in the United States from the stock market crash of 1929 to the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

Talking Books

(These books are provided by the U.S. Government unless otherwise noted)

Barr, Stringfellow. The pilgrimage of the western man. 32r 2 pts 1949 AFB Read by the Luthor. This is one of the very best surveys of the historical developments of western civilization ever written. It embodies up-to-date conceptions and interpretations of history and is expressed in readable, even brilliant style. Annals of Political and Social Science.

Bleiler, Everett F., and T. E. Dikty. Best science fiction stories. 1949 APH Read by Burt Blackwell

This is a book of wide appeal, whether you read for knowledge or for escape, in these stories you will find education and entertainment. The authors have spent nearly twenty years of research and study in science-fiction. And Mr. Korshak's introduction is an analysis of the subject appealing to the new reader and the expert.

Brittain, F. Arthur Quiller-Couch. 13r 1948 NIB Read by Duncan Carse A biographical study of a well-known English man of letters. The author stresses the personal aspect rather than the formal, but sketches in something of the various sides of his career.

Dickson, Carter, pseudonym. The life of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. 26r 2 pts 1949 NIB Read by Norman Shelley For book note see under Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan.

Dostoevsky, Fedor M. The house of the dead. 26r 2 pts NIB Read by Joseph Macleod

First published in Russian in 1861-62, in English under title "Buried alive." In this autobiography of a Russian landowner condemned to penal servitude in Siberia Dostoevsky hardly troubles to disguise his own experiences. He traces the different effects of imprisonment on the moral nature in the life stories of a group of criminals.

Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan. The life of, by Carter Dickson. 26r 2 pts 1949 NIB Read by Norman Shelley

A full-length biography of the creator of Sherlock Holmes. The book reads like a novel though it is the result of much research and every statement is substantiated.

Fields, W.C. W. C. Fields, by Robert L. Taylor. 23r 2 pts 1949 AFB Read by Robert Donley

Mr. Taylor has written a hilarious history of the fabulous comedian, written it with understanding, sympathy and a gay respect for the scandalous facts involved. New York Times

Guthrie, A.B., Jr. The way west. 20r 1949 APH Read by Burt Blackwell The story of an emigrant trek from Independence, Missouri, to Oregon in the 1840's. Dick Summers, one of the principal characters of the author's earlier novel, "The Big Sky," (available in braille) reappears in this.

Hindus, Maurice. In search of a future. 16r 1949 APH Read by Walter Gerard Essentially this is a book about people and land, only incidentally about cities and culture. The author surveys these countries as he saw them from 1942 to 1946.

Hungerford, Edward. Wells Fargo; advancing the American frontier. 16r 1949
Read by Morris Flournoy

This present volume traces the development of one of the pioneer express companies of the nation. The Wells Fargo Express Company was founded as a joint stock company in 1852.

Ingles, James Wesley. A woman of Samaria. 13r 1949 APH Read by Jan Tyroler A novel based on the Biblical story of the meeting of Christ and the woman of Samaria. In telling the life story of the beautiful Photina, her five husbands, and the Roman centurion who was her lover, the author has told much about the customs of the country in the time of Christ.

Lasswell, Mary. One on the house 11r 1949 APH Read by Furt Blackwell The three beer-drinking dames who have figured in the author's earlier books spent some time in New York and finally reach Newark practically broke. They take over a bankrupt barroom while the proprietor is in the hospital and the result is interest-

ing.

Marriott, Alice L. The valley below. 15r 1949 AFB Read by Helen Harrelson Two women buy an adobe home near Santa Fe and their experiences in making a home are told with candor and good humor.

Mencken, H. L. Treatise on the gods. 19r 1946 edition AFB Read by Sidney

Walton

First published in 1930. The author explains in the preface that his purpose is simply to get together, in handy and readable form, the material data about the embryology, anatomy and physiology of theology, with an occasional glance at its pathology. To quote from Hazelton Spencer in the "New Republic," this is "One of the few popular treatises on religion which show no trace of fear and almost none of prejudice. It is probably the author's best book."

Overstreet, H. A. The mature mind. 16r 1949 AFB Read by Robert Donley The author has devoted a lifetime to the study of the mentality of the human race and especially of the American branch, and is frankly depressed; not for the criminality, but for the massive, monumental, colossal puerility of mankind. It is how-

ever a very interesting but salubrious book.

Ratcliff, J. D., editor. Science year book of 1948. 20r 1948 Read by William Gladden

A popular survey of the role scientific development is playing today. From the thousands of reports on scientific achievements during the last year the best have been collected in this book. Together they form a report to the nation on the progress of medicine, physics, chemistry, aviation, astronomy and other sciences.

Roosevelt, Eleanor. This I remember. 26r 2 pts 1949 AFB Read by the

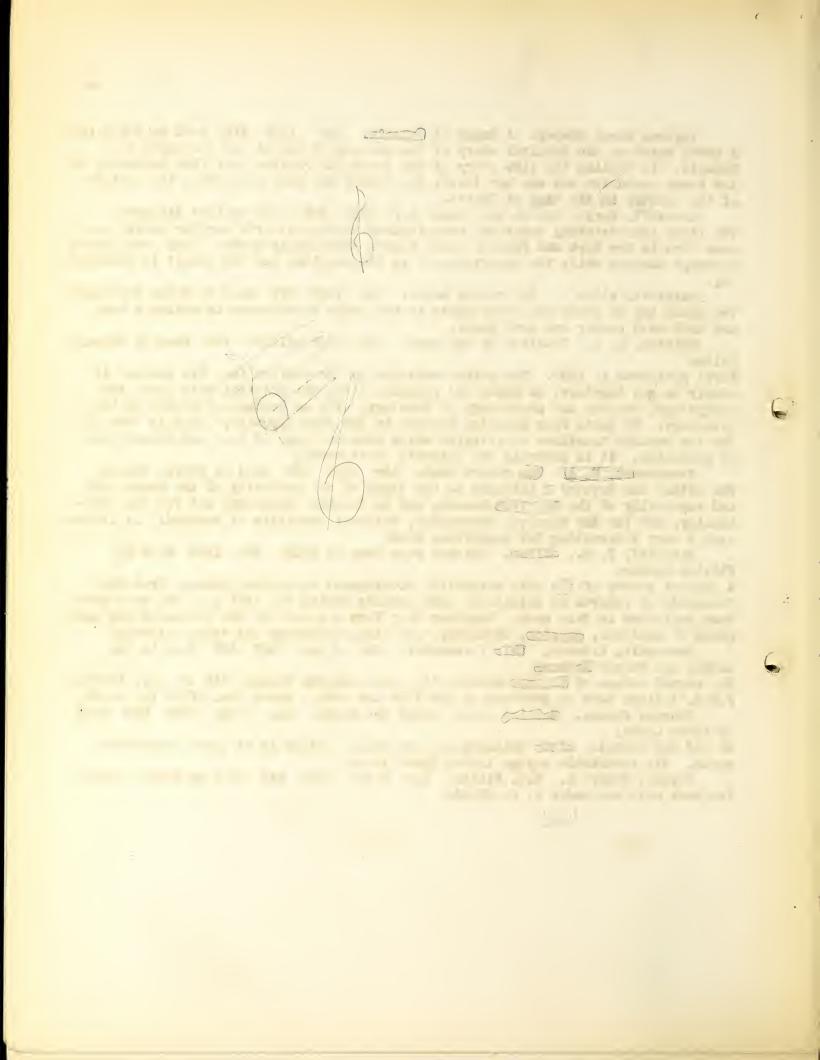
author and Carmen Mathews

The second volume of Eleanor Roosevelt's autobiography begins with the days before F.D.R.'s first term as governor of New York and ends a short time after his death.

Slocum, Joshua. Sailing alone around the world. 24r 2 pts 1899 NIB Read by Alvar Lidell

An old sea captain, after building his own ship, cruised in it alone around the world. His remarkable voyage lasted three years.

Taylor, Robert L. W.C. Fields. 23r 2 pts 1949 AFB Read by Robert Donley For book note see under W. C. Fields



## LIST OF FREE MAGAZINES IN BRAILLE EXCLUSIVE OF SCHOOL MAGAZINES

All Story Braille Magazine, with legislative supplement. Fiction Editor:
Maitland L. Bishop; Legislation Editor: Dr. Newel Perry; Publisher: American Brotherhood for the Blind, 257 South Spring St., Los ingeles 12, Calif. Grade 2; monthly; fiction from current magazines; and legistive items. Free but circulation limited.

Badger Informer. Publisher: Badger Association of the Blind, 912 N. Hawley Road Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Grade  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ; quarterly; a house organ (of interest to blind res-

idents of Wisconsin)

American Legion Magazine. Editor: James F. Barton. Publisher: American Legion. Embossed by Clovernook Printing House for the Blind, Mt. Healthy, Ohio. Grade  $l_{\bar{z}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ; monthly; free for blinded veterans.

Bible Expositor. Editor: C.W. Degering. Publisher: Christian Record Benevolent Association, 3705 South 48 St., Lincoln, Neb. Grade 12 and New York point; monthly;

discussion of Bible topics,

Braille Baptist. Editor: Noble VanNess. Publisher: Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 161 Eighth Avenue N., Nashville 3, Tenn. Grade 1;

monthly; a religious magazine.

Braille Book Review. Editor: Lucy Armistead Goldthwaite. Publisher: American Foundation for the Blind, 15 West 16 Street, New York 11, N.Y. Grade 2; also a mimeographed edition; monthly except August; a guide to braille and Talking Book publications.

Braille Evangel. Editor: Edwin Wilson. Publisher: Braille Evangel Commission, Seminary Hill Station, Fort Worth 10, Texas. Grade 12; monthly; a religious (Baptist)

magazine.

Braille Map Quarterly. Editor: Edward J. Waterhouse. Publisher: Howe Press of Perkins Institution, Watertown 72, Mass. Grade 2; quarterly; map and 12 to 16 pages of text; current events.

VBraille Musician. Editor: Leopold Dubov. Publisher: Jewish Braille Institute of America, 1846 Harrison Avenue, New York 53, N. Y. Grade 2; bi-monthly; articles of interest to blind musicians and music students.

Braille Star Theosophist. Editor: Flavia B. Snyder. Publisher: Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, Kronona, Ojai, Calif. Grade 2; quarterly; theosophical material.

Catholic Digest. Editor: Father Louis A. Gales. Publisher: Catholic Digest, 41 East Eighth St., St. Paul 2, Minn. Grade  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ; monthly; summary of articles of general interest.

Catholic Review for the Blind. Editor: Rev. J. H. Klocke, S. J. Publisher: Xavier Society for the Blind, 154 East 23 St., New York 10, N.Y. Grade 2; bi-monthly; a religious magazine.

Children's Friend. Editor: C. W. Degering. Publisher: Christian Record Benevolent Association, 3705 South 48 St., Lincoln, Neb. Grade  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ; monthly; a magazine

for children.

Christian Record. Editor: C. W. Degering. Publisher: Christian Record Benevolent Association, 3705 South 48 St., Lincoln, Neb. Grade 12 and New York point; monthly; religious articles and topics of general interest.

Christian Record Sabbath School Monthly. Editor: C.W. Degering. Publishers: Christian Record Benevolent Association, 3705 South 48 St., Lincoln, Neb. Grade 12

and New York point; a religious magazine of Bible lessons.

Church Herald for the Blind. Editor: Rev. W. J. Loring-Clark. Publisher: National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Committee on Literature for the Blind, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York 3, N. Y.

Detroit Eye Opener. Editor: Stanley Oliver. Publisher: Metropolitan Council of the Blind, 1965 East Outer Drive, Detroit 12, Mich. Grade  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ; bi-monthly; news of the Metropolitan Council.

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Discovery. Editor: Margaret T. Applegarth. Publisher: John Milton Society, 156 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. Grade 1; monthly, Sept.-May; a religious magazine for boys and girls with Sunday School lessons.

Forward Day by Day. Editor: Canon Gilbert P. Symons, 412 Sycamore St., Cincinnati 2, Ohio. Publisher: Forward Movement of the Episcopal Church. Grade 12;

bi-monthly; a religious magazine.

Full Cospel Monthly. Editor: Grace Allen. Publisher: Full Gospel Publishing Company for the Blind, 431 Delaney St., Orlando, Fla. Grade 12; monthly; a religious magazine with Sunday School lessons.

Good Cheer. Editor: Mrs Breta F. Cornelius, 721 Madison, Topeka, Kansas. Grade 2; articles, stories, he pful hints of interest to the deaf-blind and letters from

readers; free to the deaf-blind.

√Gospel Messenger. Editor: Bishop Ralph Montanus. Publisher: Gospel Association for the Blind, 3756 103 St., Corona, L.I., N.Y. Grade 1; monthly; a religious magazine

VHome Teacher. Editor: Rowena H. Morse. Publisher: National Braille Press, 83 St. Stephen Street, Boston 15, Mass. Grade 2; monthly; professional magazine for

home teachers and social workers.

Inspiration. Editor: Merril V. Maynard. Publisher: Braille Poets Guild, 42 Winthrop Street, Taunton, Mass. Grade 2; quarterly; a magazine for blind poets.

International Lions Juvenile Braille Monthly. Editor: Marcellus Wagner. Publisher: International Lions Club. Embossed by Clovernook Printing House, Mt.

Healthy, Ohio. Grade 12; monthly; a magazine for children.

Jewish Braille Review. Editor: Leopold Dubov. Publisher: Jewish Braille Institute of America, 1846 Harrison Avenue, New York 53, N.Y. Grade 2; monthly; articles of interest to Jewish and non-Jewish readers, including a children's supplement in grade 12.

John Milton Magazine. Editor: Milton T. Stauffer, D.D. Publisher: John Milton Society, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. Grade 1; monthly; a religious

magazine.

Ival & pulmy John Milton Quarterly. Editor: Milton T. Stauffer, D.D. Publisher: John Milton Society, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y. Grade 1; quarterly; International Sunday School Lessons.

Junior Sunday School Monthly. Editor: Frederick Gielow. Publisher: Gospel Trumpet Company, Anderson, Indiana. Grade 1; monthly; international Sunday School

lessons for children.

✓ Kentucky Bulletin. Publisher: Kentucky Federation of the Blind, 151 Bellaire Avenue, Louisville 6, Ky. Grade 2; twice a year. Federation news and news of the blind of Kentucky.

√The Lamp. Editor: Florence Clapsaddle. Publisher: Christian Association for the Blind, 430 East 141 St., New York 54, N.Y. Grade 2; bi-monthly; a religious magazine.

Lighthouse Gleams. Editor: Louise Kintner. Publisher: New York Association for the Blind, 111 East 59 St., New York 22, N.Y. Grade 2; four times a year; news of the activities of the Lighthouse.

VLiving Museum. Editor: Virginia S. Eifert. Publisher: Illinois State Museum,

Springfield, Ill. Grade 2; monthly; braille edition of inkprint magazine.

Lutheran Messenger for the Blind. Editor: Rev. O.C. Schroeder, 1648 East 85 Street, Chicago, Ill. Publisher: Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. Grade 12; monthly except August; a religious magazine.

√ Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind. Editor: H.M. Liechty. Publisher: Matilda Ziegler Publishing Company for the Blind, Monsey, N.Y. Grade 12, with additional contractions, New York point and Moon; monthly; a general magazine with special features for the blind.

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Message for the Day. Publisher: Board of Social Missions of United Lutheran Church in America, 231 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N.Y. Grade 12; monthly; a religious magazine.

Messenger to the Sightless. Editor: Albert W. Talmadge. Publisher: Society for the Aid of the Sightless, 345 Fourth North St., Provo, Utah. Grade 12; monthly;

a religious magazine.

√The Minnesotan. Editor: Marie Koehler, 170 Maria Ave., St. Paul 6, Minn. Publisher: Minnesota State Council of Agencies for the Blind, 1936 Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis 5, Minn. Grade 2; monthly except August; matters of interest to the blind of Minnesota.

New York State Federation Bulletin. Publisher: New York State Federation of Workers for the Blind, 425 James St., Syracuse, N.Y. Grade 2; three times a year; organization material.

Our Health. Editor: Elsie L. Cooper. Publisher: National Transcribers' Society for the Blind, Inc., 1691-1695 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, Calif. Grade 12;

bi-monthly; devoted to the health and interest of the blind.

Our Special. Editor: Florence W. Birchard. Publisher: National Braille Press, 88 St. Stephen Street, Boston, Mass. Grade 12; monthly; covers subjects of special interest to women, such as home occupations, etc.

Readers Digest. Editor: Readers Digest Association, Pleasantville, N.Y. Publisher: American Printing House for the Blind, 1839 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville 6, Kentucky. Grade 2 and Talking Book; monthly; the inkprint magazine reproduced in braille, four parts.

Searchlight. Editor: Helen Day. Publisher: New York Association for the Blind, 111 East 59 Street, New York 22, N.Y. Grade 2; ten times a year; a juvenile

magazine.

The Seer. Editor: Philip N. Harrison. Publisher: Pannsylvania Association for the Blind, 1607 N. Second Street, Harrisburg, Pa. Grade 12 and inkprint; quarterly;

official organ of the Association.

Skylark. Editor: Lillian E. Cunradi, 731 Williamson St., Madison 3, Wis. Publisher: Flavia B. Snyder, Krotona, Ojai, Calif. Grade 2; quarterly; fiction and articles of interest to the deaf-blind; free to the deaf-blind but mailing list is limited.

Touch and Go. Editor: Dr. P. C. Potts. Publisher: American Foundation for the Blind, 15 West 16 Street, New York 11, N. Y. Grade 12, with additional contractions; monthly except July and August; a special magazine for the dcaf-blind.

√ Unity Daily Word. Publisher: Unity School for Christianity, 917 Tracy Avenue,

Kansas City, Mo. Grade 1; monthly; a religious magazine.

\*\*Opper Room. Editor: J. Maning Potts. Publisher: General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church, 1998 Grand Ave., Neshville 4, Tenn. Grade 12; bi-monthly; daily devotions;

/We the Blind. Editor: David M. Treatman. Publisher: Pennsylvania Federation of the Blind, 5137 Spruce, Philadelphia 39, Pa. Grade 2 and inkprint; quarterly; current topics of interest to the blind.

√ Wee Wisdom. Publisher: Unity School of Christianity, 917 Tracy Avenue, Kansas

C; ty, Mo. Grade 12; monthly; a magazine for children.

Weekly News. Editor: Francis B. Ierardi. Publisher: National Braille Press, 88 St. Stephen Street, Boston 15, Mass. Grade 2; weekly; current news.

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# THE LIFE OF NOBEL By Katherine Woods, from "The New York Times"

Editor's note: The 1949 Nobel prize for literature, not awarded last year, has been given to William Faulkner, fifty-three, of Oxford, Mississippi. Bertrand Russell, seventy-eight, British philosopher and mathematician who is now on a lecture tour in the United States, received the 1950 literary award in recognition of his many-sided writings, in which he championed humanity and freedom of thought.

Experimenting with nitroglycerine in a suburb of Stockholm in 1864, young Alfred Nobel was held responsible for the death of five persons, and was deprived of his license to produce explosives. It is true that nitroglycerine had been discarded by its Italian discoverer, nearly fifteen years before, as too dangerous to work with. It is true, too, that the firm of Nobel and Sons, munitions makers, had found a golden opportunity in the Crimean War of the preceding decade, and that this most able of Immanuel's Nobel's children might presumably have done better to try to keep the family's inventive and financial activities on an even keel. But Alfred Nobel was a born scientific explorer, for one thing; and, for another, he seems to have taken littleinterest in the munitions business as such. His letters and diaries of the time do not mention the Crimean War. He conceived of his new high explosive as useful to industry. And when nitroglycerine left everywhere a trail of disaster, he struggled with the problem of its danger until he had invented dynamite.

It was ten years after this that he met Bertha von Suttner, the famous pacifist who was not yet a pacifist at that time. It was years later that his own slow-going pacifism reached its full development under her influence but through his own individual thought. The first mention of the Peace Prize is found in a letter to Bertha von Suttner in January, 1893. Toward the end of 1895 he made the will establishing all the prizes by which his name is known to the world.

Indomitable and ruthless scientific explorer that he was, he found a way soon enough to circumvent the Stockholm ban on his work. He set up his laboratory on a boat in Lake Malar, beyond the jurisdiction of the police. But the manufacture and commercial distribution of nitroglycerine produced such dreadful results in accidents and such indignant public reaction, that it was soon given up. Just two years after the first Stockholm disaster, Alfred Nobel succeeded in making his high explosive safe by "solidifying" it. That is to say, he invented dynamite. Popular legend has always laid the invention to chance; but Nobel all his life denied the legend. He followed this first and fundamental high explosive with others: "blasting gelatine," smokeless powder, ballistite. On all these he had a virtual world monopoly as long as he lived and at the time of his death his was one of the greatest of all international munitions concerns.

Yet the man who was so successful in business, so "purposeful and without scruple" in the pursuit of scientific aims, was in his personal life hesitant and self-deprecatory on the one hand, and on the other hand not only charitable but extremely considerate. And the millionaire "merchant of death" wrote in 1893: "If in thirty years we shall not have succeeded in reorganizing the world, it will inevitably relapse into barbarism." This last was in the letter to Bertha von Suttner which laid bare his intention in regard to a peace prize.

Nobel never married. Bertha von Suttner is accurately referred to as the "one woman who played a part in his life." But here also was strangeness, if not actual paradox, in destiny. The Austrian countess served for a few months as his secretary in 1876, when she was thirty-three. She left his employ to marry Arthur von Suttner, and she saw very little of Alfred Nobel after that; for more than a decade they scarcely even wrote to each other. Yet they remained sympathetic friends. When she came to devote her life to the cause of peace she sought the munition maker's interest and "conversion." Though not precisely in her own way, she got it.

 The backbone of real consistency in Nobel's character was his absolute faith in science. He believed that every scientific step forward must be, eventually, a step toward great or good. For a long time he believed also that the achievement of war's ultimate destructiveness would achieve, ipsofacto, its ultimate relinquishment. But he gave up that fantasy and turned his hopes toward the organization of peace: not by disarmament, which he thought would be very slow; not even necessarily by compulsory arbitration between nations; but, and how fatefully the world's recent history sounds the knell of that ironic confidence, by an agreement in which "all States should bind themselves absolutely to take action against the first aggressor." Perhaps we are ready for Alfred Nobel's trust, now!

# WILLIAM FAULKNER: 1949 Nobel Prize Winner for Literature

Taken in part from Twentieth Century Authors

William Faulkner, the American novelist, was born in New Albany, Mississippi, on September 25, 1897. On both sides the family belonged to the wealthy and powerful Southerners ruined by the Civil War and reduced to genteel poverty. William was the oldest of four brothers, one of whom became a well-known aviator before he was killed in 1935. After the fifth grade he attended school only desultorily, though he took some high school work and also some special courses at the University of Mississippi. For the most part, in his late teens, he merely hung around Oxford, read a great deal, wrote bad verse imitative of Swinburne and Omar Khayyam, and tried to find himself. The first World War woke him from his lethargy. Flying caught his imagination but he refused to enlist with the "Yankees," so went to Toronto and joined the Canadian Air Force, becoming a lieutenant in the R. A. F. Biographers who say he got no nearer France than Torontoare mistaken. He was sent to France as an observer, had two places shot down under him, was wounded in the second shooting, and did not return to Oxford until after the Armistice.

He re-entered the university, and attended it off and on from 1919 to 1921, though he was never graduated. In between times he worked as a house painter, painting the roofs of several university buildings. He served later as university postmaster, until he was dismissed for inattention to duty. Then, at loose ends again, he drifted to New Orleans, where he became a friend of Sherwood Anderson. Faulkner's first published work was a poem in 1922. In 1925 he spent a year in Europe. He had previously spent a few unhappy months in New York as a clerk in a bookstore, an utter misfit in both the city and the occupation.

Back in Oxford again, he worked as a carpenter, farmer, fished and hunted, saw his first two novels through the press, received critical acclaim but not much money, and wrote "The Sound and the Fury." Not surprisingly, since it is the first of the Faulkner novels written in his cryptic stream-of-consciousness style, at first no publisher would look at it.

"Sartoris" was published in 1929, the same year that its author married Mrs. Estelle (Oldham) Franklin, a widow with two children. They now have a child of their own.

Unable to live by his writing, Faulkner took a job as night superintendent of a power plant. There, writing on an upturned wheelbarrow in the small hours of the morning, he rewised "The Sound and the Fury," and at the same time deliberately set about writing a pure horror story, aimed at the collection of royalties, which he called "Sanctuary." It was the first of his novels to become popular. From that time on he has not had to worry about money; he was able to modernize his century-old house, to buy a private plane, to finance his brother's barnstorming career, and to travel where he pleased.

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He lives in Oxford for most of the time now, though he also has a thirtyfive-acre farm in the hills. His mornings are given to writing, his afternoons to
hunting, fishing, and conviviality. He takes his farming seriously, and even does
his own brewing. Except among his intimates, he is silent and unsocial, and has
even been called "insolent"; the fact is that his manner is the result of acute
sensitiveness. In 1939 he won the first prize in the annual O. Henry Memorial
Award. He writes his books by hand—a fine, unreadable hand—on the right—hand
side of legal—sized paper, reserving the left—hand side for corrections. He is
slow and hesitant in his speech, much more eager to talk about farming or hunting
than about literature, and completely uncritical of his own work. For example, he
once told a college class that he had "Never given the subject of form a single
thought," whereas Conrad Aiken said that form was Faulkner's constant preoccupation. His own comment on fiction—writing is: "If a story is in you, it has got to
come out."

Among this author's books, the following are in braille:

As I Lay Dying. 5v Detroit
Go Down Moses, and other stories. 6v Chicago
The Hound lv Salt Lake City
Light in August 9v Chicago, Detroit, LC
The Spund and the Fury 5v NY Guild

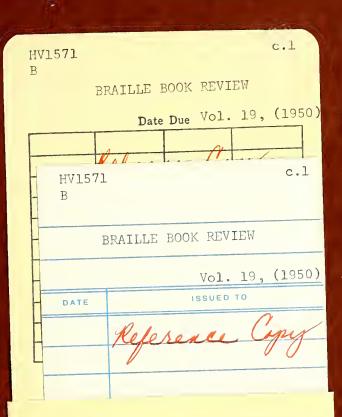
#### REPAIRS ON BRAILLE WRITERS

Hereafter the American Foundation for the Blind will no longer repair or service braille writers, regardless of the make or manufacturer. All repairs on braille writers should now be referred to the Howe Press of Perkins Institution, 175 North Beacon Street, Watertown 72, Massachsetts.

#### "LIGHTHOUSE" TAKES OVER FORMER RED CROSS SERVICE FOR THE BLIND

On January 1, 1951, the New York Association for the Blind will add to its many other activities a new department to be called "Volunteer Transcribing Service." For twenty-eight years this service was a part of the New York Chapter, American Red Cross, and was known to its many blind friends as "Scrvice for the Blind."

Last month, Service for the Blind was discontinued by the Red Cross; but, fortunately for those whom it has served for the past three decades, it will now continue its work through the Lighthouse (New York Association for the Blind), lll East 59th Street, New York 22, N.Y. All requests formerly addressed to the New York Chapter, American Red Cross, should be sent to Volunteer Transcribing Service at the Lighthouse."



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